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By Fe Zamora

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Nur's fighters on the run

Troops bomb escape routes, but rebels vow 'fight to death'

By PDI Mindanao Bureau, Juliet Labog-Javellana, Luige A. del Puerto and Alcuin Papa

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Government forces yesterday pounded the escape routes of Moro insurgents on Jolo with rockets and cannon fire but the fleeing guerrillas vowed to "fight to the death."

In Malacañang, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said police guards had barred jailed Moro leader Nur Misuari from access to telephones after discovering that he had been communicating with his commanders in the field.

"Now, we believe there is no way he can contact his supporters, especially since they have been driven farther into the mountains of Jolo where they will have no telephone contact," Ermita said.

The leader of the Moro National Liberation Front has been held on rebellion charges at a detention center in Laguna province since 2002.

Using MG520 helicopters and howitzers, military forces slammed rockets and cannon fire into the hideouts of the retreating rebels and along their withdrawal routes on the sixth day of fighting.

The military said the guerrillas were withdrawing because they had run out of ammunition and supplies.

"The air strikes were in support of our [ground] troops in the area," Air Force spokesperson Lt. Col. Restituto Padilla said.

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza said Misuari's followers were on the run but the military was determined to go after them and would not stop its pursuit.

As helicopters ferried soldiers to the frontline, fresh reinforcements numbering 120 troops, including the elite Scout Rangers, bowed their heads in prayer before moving into a camp for a briefing, prior to going to the battlefront.

Brig. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, chief of Joint Task Force Comet on Jolo, said their mandate was clear: "By all means to destroy the group."

"We are in the final clearing phase," he said.

Braganza said "there had been sporadic firefight and sniper fire" in the mountain region where the insurgents and their allies from the Abu Sayyaf bandit group had fled but that "generally the situation has subsided."

But surrender was far from the thoughts of the fleeing insurgents.

"They do not like to surrender; they will fight to the death," Rev. Absalom Cerveza, a member of the MNLF panel that negotiated peace with the government in 1996 and who is closely identified with Misuari,

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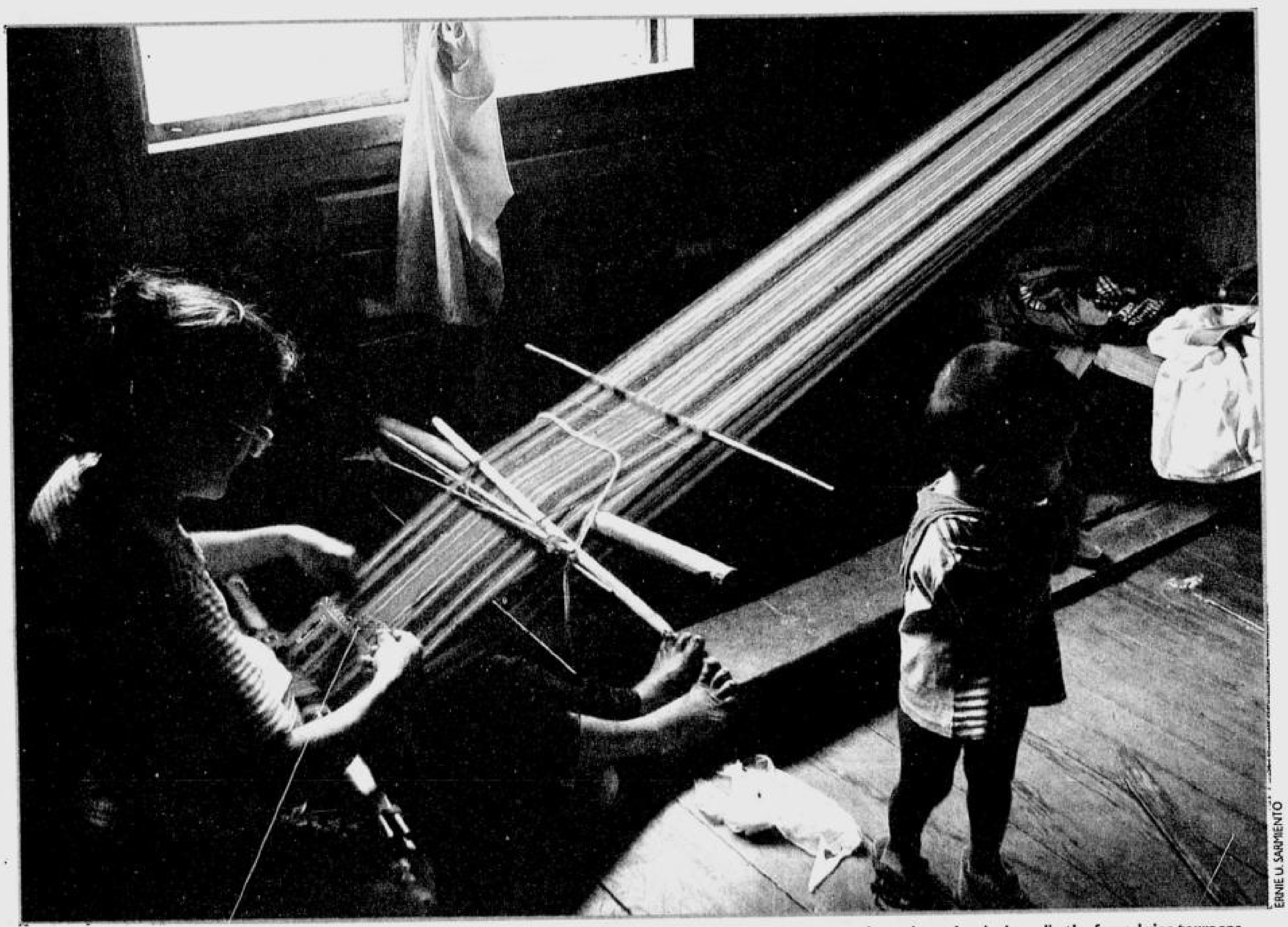
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MOTHER AND CHILD. Time may have passed them by. But it is precisely why they pull tourists to their mountainous homeland where lie the famed rice terraces, where the landscape is pristinely native and the people still live the way of their ancestors, including weaving by hand. Despite the Department of Tourism's post-tsunami thrust of promoting Philippine beaches, Banaue, Ifugao still beckons as an irresistable tourist destination area.

SAVING RIVERS

Bamboo not just for sound of music in Las Piñas

By Volt Contreras

FOR NEARLY two centuries, the faithful in Las Piñas have sung to the solemn chords of its world-famous bamboo organ, a well-kept treasure dating from the Spanish era and enshrined in the town's main Catholic church.

Today, the coastal community is turning yet again to the bamboo—this time to reinstall nature's harmony in its two major arteries—the Zapote and Las Piñas rivers. Some 5,000 young bamboo trees now sway and whistle in the breeze along the riverbanks, as part of a two-year-old effort to stop the waterways' slow death from erosion and pollution.

This unique version of a *"Sagip Ilog* (Save the River)" project seems aimed at reminding urban folk of the underestimated value of the bamboo—the tall, woody grass that has all but disappeared from the concrete metropolis.

After all, the bamboo can do more than spruce up a dour cityscape with refreshing tufts of green, according to the project's chief architect, Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar.

"Its roots keep a strong hold of the soil and effectively prevent erosion," said Villar, who launched the project in 2002.

And besides, she told the INQUIRER last week when Las Piñas celebrated its 30th annual Bamboo Organ Festival, lining the riverbanks with bamboo cuttings costing only around P70 per pole was certainly "much cheaper" than rip-rapping, or building dikes of rock.

Villar said it was merely "accidental" that her town, which has been the proud keeper of the organ since 1816 at the St. Joseph's Parish, also chose to propagate the bamboo.

BAMBOO/ A6

HOLOCAUST IN MANILA

The guerrilla who lost all his family

By Alice Colet Villadolid
Contributor

(Third of a series)

(Editor's Note: Sixty years ago, 100,000 mostly civilians and mostly Filipinos, perished in the 28-day Battle for Manila in February 1945. The Memorare-Manila 1945 Foundation founded by the survivors and descendants of the victims aims to keep the flame of remembrance burning brightly to illumine the meaning of their dying.)

UNABLE to bear the humiliation of being slapped and mauled by Japanese soldiers patrolling Vito Cruz Street where he lived, Miguel Perez Rubio, then 18, joined his friend Johnny Ysmael in enlisting with Barrion's Guerrillas to do intelligence work.

They reported at various times to Col. Alejo Santos (later a general and defense secretary) in Bulacan and to Col. Russell Volckman in Northern Luzon.

Unknown to most Filipinos, Manuel Roxas, a member of the Cabinet of the Japanese Occupation Government, was secretly coordinating allied intelligence work. The Japanese Command had ordered the Philippine officials to retreat to Baguio. Perez Rubio and Ysmael were given a mission to contact Roxas to tell him it was time to leave Baguio for his safety. They were still arranging with an Igorot guerrilla for a secret escape route for Roxas when the Japanese Kempeitai got wise to them and clamped them in a Baguio jail.

They were paroled in March 1945 on the intercession of Senator Claro M. Recto who was Ysmael's father-in-law.

Only then did the young Miguel learn from an American guerrilla officer that his entire family had been massacred two weeks earlier at their Vito Cruz residence in Manila. Seven members of Miguel's family were killed, including his mother Milagros and fa-

THE GUERRILLA/ A6

1935 PORTRAIT of the Quirino family in their home in Colorado Street (now Agoncillo Street) Malate. From left, Armando, Alicia Syquia-Quirino, Victoria, Norma, Elpidio Quirino and Tomas. PHILIPPINE FIRST LADIES PORTRAITS

JOSEFINA PEREZ-ROCHA on her wedding day. This photo is kept by her son, former Ambassador Juan Jose Rocha, in his office.

MIGUEL PEREZ RUBIO: Lone survivor of an illustrious family massacred in their Vito Cruz mansion. PDI PHOTO

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Salonga defends GMA, castigates rights victims

By Philip C. Tubeza

FORMER Senate President Jovito Salonga, who was the first chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) that was set up to recover the ill-gotten assets of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, defended President Macapagal-Arroyo from those accusing her of allegedly misusing the funds.

"These people are saying something they do not know anything about. They are speaking through their hat," he said.

He said that a portion of the forfeited $683 million of the Marcos Swiss deposits had already been set aside for the rights abuse victims and would be given to them once the law is passed.

"The greater part went to agrarian reform, a small part for the legal fees, while the rest was reserved for the human rights victims. It has already been divided," Salonga said.

Salonga yesterday urged human rights victims to get their act together and stop quarrelling among themselves so Congress can finally pass a law to compensate them.

Interviewed during the 5th anniversary rites of the Bantay Katarungan civil society group at the Lyceum University on Friday, Salonga said the conflicts among the rights abuse victims have been causing delays in the passage of the compensation bill.

"The problem there is that the human rights victims are divided among themselves. They better unite. They are like the (political) opposition," he said.

Acting Budget Secretary Mario Relampagos said the other day that P8 billion has been set aside from the forfeited Marcos funds to indemnify the more than 10,000 victims of the Marcos dictatorship, although the final amount would still be decided by Congress.

The disputes over the proposed compensation bill have followed the divisions of the fragmented Left.

Early in January, a row erupted between party-list Representatives Rafael Mariano (Anakpawis) and Loretta Ann Rosales (Akbayan) on the issue of who should automatically qualify as beneficiaries of the compensation bill.

Mariano said the bill, House Bill No. 3315, the proposed compensation law, had been "watered-down" and "added insult to the injury suffered by the 10,000 victims of human rights violations under the fascist dictatorship."

He objected, among other things, to a provision that would not have made automatic beneficiaries of the bill the 9,539 human rights victims who won a class-action suit against the Marcos estate in a Honolulu court in 1992.

The same inhibition would also apply against Communist Party of the Philippines founding chair Jose Ma. Sison and 23 other direct-action plaintiffs who similarly won claims against the Marcos estate before the same Hawaii court.

Under the bill, which Rosales authored, these two classes of victims would in effect have to again prove their cases before a compensation board before they can be entitled to compensation.

Rosales countered that it was necessary for claimants to go through a screening process before a compensation board in order to "weed out fakes."

She said, however, that she would introduce an amendment to the bill that would make the plaintiffs in the Hawaii suit priority claimants.

Meanwhile, lawyer Frank Chavez said Malacañang should investigate why the Philippine National Bank did not return $22 million out of the $653 million recovered Marcos assets it had held in escrow.

He said he did not know why government did not ask the PNB to account for the money. *With a report from Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Be happy you're getting P3,000, Abad tells workers

GOVERNMENT employees should be thankful they are getting a belated P3,000 bonus this month considering they were not supposed to get any cash gift at all, Education Secretary Florencio Abad said yesterday.

"I'm happy with that (P3,000) because for a while I thought there would be no bonus at all," Abad said.

He said Malacañang had been considering not giving a bonus anymore to the 1.2 million state employees.

Several state-employee unions had balked at the amount of the bonus, P3,000, as it fell short of the P5,000 they had received in December 2003.

The head of the DepEd non-teaching employees union, Domingo Alidon, said the amount was too low considering that salaries had not risen over the past four years.

Abad said state employees should look at it as a case of the glass being half-full instead of half-empty.

It was "something positive" that should be appreciated, he said.

With 500,000 teachers and non-teaching staff, the education department accounts for nearly half of the entire government bureaucracy.

Malacañang announced in December that it was scrapping its traditional practice of handing out a P5,000 cash gift to each state employee at the end of the year, known as the productivity enhancement pay.

Confronted by protesting employees, the Palace promised to give the bonus in February.

Last week, President Macapagal-Arroyo said the government could afford to give bonuses of from P1,000 to P2,000 only.

But the employees again protested, and the President raised the amount to P3,000, calling it a "Valentine's Day bonus."

"The reason it got so delayed was because the (Department of Budget and Management) had to compute the savings generated by all departments," Abad said.

The bonus is supposed to come from the savings of each department or agency.

Abad said the bonus was meant to thank all employees for helping to bring down the budget deficit. *Dona Pazzibugan*

Gov't gets ₱1.2-B fund for 'intelligence'

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE ARROYO administration will get P1.2 billion in intelligence funds this year, according to Sen. Manuel Villar.

The chair of the Senate finance committee made the disclosure to dispel rumors that the national budget passed by the upper chamber on Thursday was full of "insertions," a term for hidden discretionary funds.

By the senators' own admission, intelligence funds are open to corruption because these are left to the discretion of the government officials concerned and do not pass through the usual auditing process.

Villar said that of the total intelligence allocation for 2005, P650 million would go to the Office of the President. The amount was "realigned to another expenditure item in the MOOE (maintenance and other operating expenses) so that it would be subject to audit," he said.

Also given intelligence funds were the Witness Protection Fund (P83 million), Office of the Vice President (P6 million), Presidential Commission on Good Government (P5 million) and Civil Aeronautics Board (P300,000).

Villar said the intelligence funds for agencies mandated with intelligence and confidential activity were retained, such as in the Philippine National Police (P270 million), Department of National Defense (P111.5 million), National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (P31.24 million), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (P15 million), Anti-Money Laundering Council (P5 million) and Coast Guard (P3.1 million).

Witnesses say Garcia didn't declare 4 cars

By Alcuin Papa

TWO MORE officials of the Land Transportation Office testified yesterday before a military court that former military comptroller Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia (ret.) registered four vehicles under his name which he did not declare in his Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Annabelle Petilla and Fe Cascante brought to the court-martial registration papers for the four vehicles and testified to their correctness.

Petilla showed the court registration papers for three cars filed in Iloilo City under the name of Garcia's wife Clarita. Registered were a Honda Civic (FEC-134), a Toyota Rav-4 (FEV-498) and a Mitsubishi L-300 van (EDZ-582).

Cascante brought registration papers for a 1983 Toyota sedan which was registered under Garcia's name at the LTO district office in La Loma, Quezon City.

Prosecutors are trying to prove Garcia did not declare six cars in his SAL for the years 2002 and 2003. In the last hearing held on Feb. 4, two other LTO officers testified that Garcia owned a Toyota Previa van (UDS-195) and a Toyota Hi-Lux pickup (WRY-843).

Garcia is undergoing court-martial for alleged violation of Article of War 96, or conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and Article of War 97, or conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

Other witnesses had earlier testified that Garcia had deposits amounting to P6.5 million in the Armed Forces and Police Savings and Loan Association Inc. and owned a condominium in New York City.

During the trial, Garcia's lawyer, Constantino de Jesus, moved to have the registration papers from Iloilo excluded from the prosecution's evidence, arguing that Clarita was not an accused in the case. But the general court-martial headed by Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio rejected the motion.

"The motion of the defense is denied because it is premature. Raise it at the proper time when a formal offer (of the prosecution's evidence) is made," law member Col. Caridad Aguilar said.

De Jesus also tried but failed to exclude the registration papers for the 1983 Toyota because the engine number stated in the certificate of registration did not match the engine number in an LTO report sent to military investigators in October 2004.

Cascante acknowledged that there was a typographical error in the certificate of registration. "The court is satisfied with the explanation," Aguilar said.

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Inquirer warned on megadike reporting

THE SANDIGANBAYAN has cautioned the INQUIRER and a noted geologist about reporting and discussing the alleged scam surrounding the construction of the P3 billion FVR Megadike which was built under the supervision of dismissed Public Works Secretary Florante Soriquez.

In a resolution, the antigraft court also threw out a motion to cite the INQUIRER and geologist Kelvin Rodolfo in indirect contempt for writing about the ongoing hearing on the case on Aug. 26, 2004.

The Sandiganbayan First Division said in its Feb. 2 resolution that it was "constrained to deny, for lack of merit" the motion filed by DPWH Bureau of Design officials, who were accused of making a faulty design in the construction of the dike, a portion of which collapsed in 1996.

"The foregoing notwithstanding, Kelvin Rodolfo and [INQUIRER reporter] Armand Nocum are hereby cautioned to be more circumspect in discussing issues traversing on the instant case considering the pendency thereof, lest their acts be interpreted as disregarding the processes of this court and disrespectful of the right of the accused," the court said. *Armand Nocum*

John Paul names new Vigan, Ecija prelates

By Jerome Aning

POPE John Paul II yesterday named new prelates to the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia in Vigan City and the Diocese of San Jose in Nueva Ecija.

Laoag Bishop Ernesto Salgado succeeds Archbishop Edmundo Abaya in Nueva Segovia while Msgr. Mylo Hubert Claudio Vergara, current president of Radio Veritas Global Broadcasting System Inc. and curate of the Holy Sacrifice Parish in Diliman, Quezon City, is the new bishop of San Jose.

San Jose, erected in 1984, is under the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan and comprises the city of San Jose and 13 of the northern towns of Nueva Ecija.

The 410-year-old metropolitan see of Nueva Segovia, one of the country's oldest, covers the entire province of Ilocos Sur and has administrative jurisdiction over suffragan dioceses of Baguio, Bangued and Laoag.

Abaya tendered his resignation on his 75th birthday last year, in accordance with canon law, ending his almost six-year stint in Vigan. His resignation was accepted upon Salgado's appointment.

Salgado, 68, was ordained a bishop in 1997 at the St. Paul's Cathedral, Vigan. He trained at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Vigan, the University of Sto. Tomas Central Seminary in Manila and at the Gregorian University in Rome.

A priest since 1961, he served in the Minor Seminary of Vigan, in the cathedral and in the Immaculate Conception School of Theology, before being appointed to consecutive posts in Mountain Province, Baguio and Laoag.

Vergara, meanwhile, succeeded Bishop Leo Drona SDB, who was transferred to the diocese of San Pablo City in May last year.

The 42-year-old Vergara was ordained priest by Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin in 1990. He obtained his ecclesiastical degrees at the Loyola School of Theology at the Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei, Taiwan and at UST.

In addition to his work at Radio Veritas, he served as chancellor and vicar for clergy in the Diocese of Cubao.

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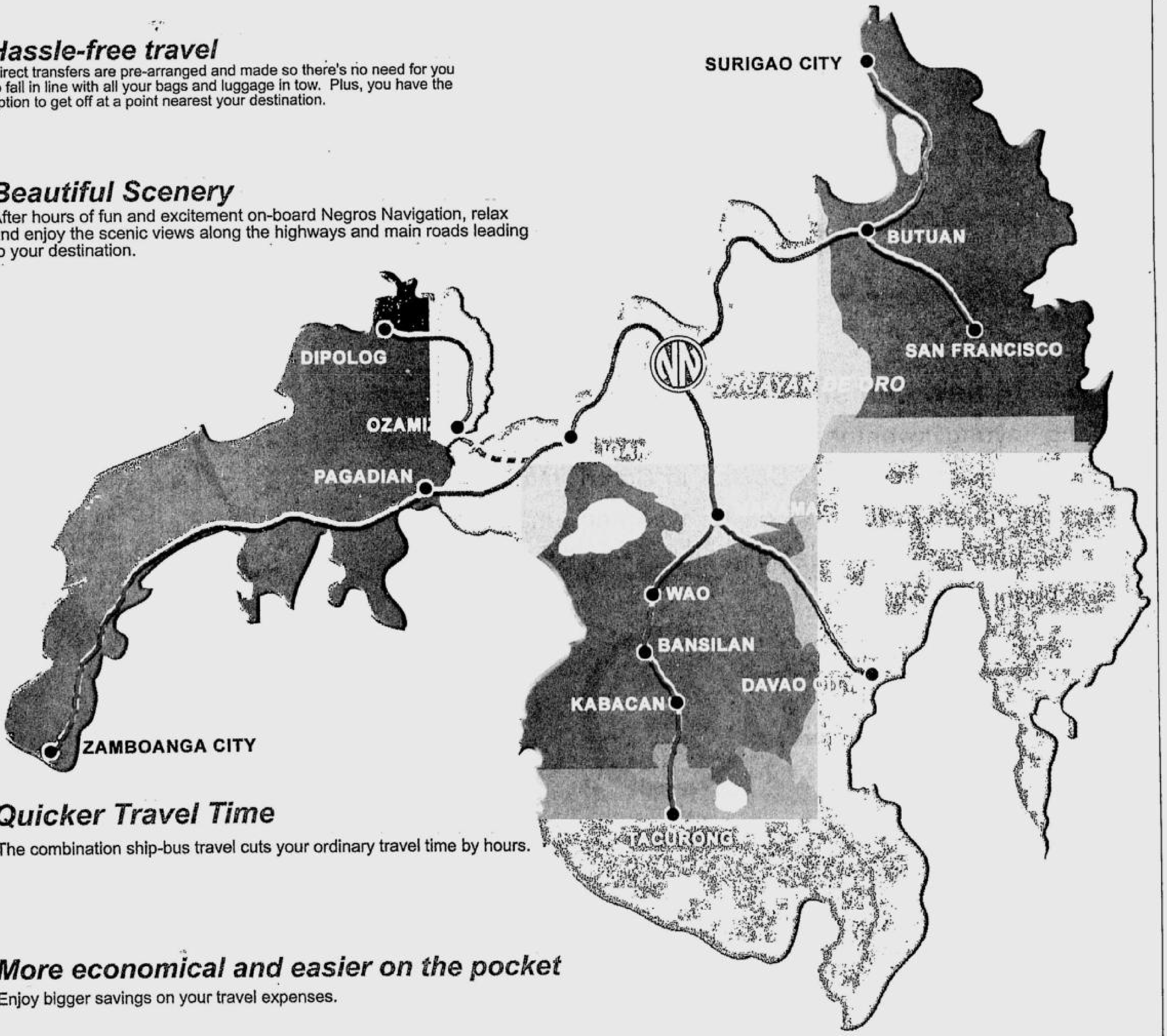

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Get your own lawyer, Kaye tells Nida aide

By Luige A. del Puerto

KAYE Torres will not provide her mother's longtime aide with a lawyer once the investigation into her alleged role in the Nida Blanca's murder starts, Torres' counsel said yesterday.

"Kaye Torres will not be providing Elena [de la Paz] with a lawyer," said former Justice Harriet Demetriou over the phone. "Kaye has advised her to seek her own lawyer."

Asked why, Demetriou said Torres would not want to "shield anyone from the investigation."

In various interviews, Torres had said no one would be spared in the investigation into her mother's murder, even if it included people close to their family.

Government witness Ranny Francisco had identified De la Paz as the woman who was allegedly with the two men who had picked up Blanca from the Atlanta Centre in San Juan hours before she was found dead.

Based on this statement and that of other witnesses, the Department of Justice is set to subpoena De la Paz, Ditas San Jose de la Paz (a second cousin of Kaye Torres) and former military intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Galileo Kintanar in the next few days.

Ditas de la Paz was the one who allegedly bought the plane tickets for Rod Strunk, Blanca's husband and the primary suspect in the murder, for the latter to fly to the US to visit his dying mother.

On the other hand, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez wants Kintanar to explain his relationship to suspects and witnesses in the case who, at one time or another, had either had worked for him or were his acquaintances.

"De la Paz will have to get her own lawyer because I myself would not want to be her lawyer," Demetriou said.

Environmentalists doubt mining can spur economy

By Volt Contreras

DESPITE the reported influx of foreign investments into the country's mining sector, environmentalists still expect the Philippines to remain a Third World country.

"We could still be importing can openers," said Ces Quimpo of the Center for Environmental Concerns.

Environmentalists see the Philippines as a Third World exporter of raw minerals which will remain dependent on imported First World machines and gizmos.

"The government has no clear industrialization plan that would enable us to make finished products out of our own mined resources," Quimpo noted.

Developed nations grew that strong because "the minerals they extracted in their own land were first used for their own needs," Quimpo said at a media forum in Quezon City. "That's why they are that powerful today."

"Imagine, we would be exporting raw minerals and then still import can openers," she said.

In the same forum, actor and green activist Roy Alvarez of Mother Earth Foundation said that even with increased mining production, "we would still be exporting raw materials and see the finished products being sold back to us."

The CEC and MEF are members of the Defend Patrimony coalition, which was formed mostly by militant groups last month to oppose the entry of foreign companies which the Arroyo administration hopes to attract to revive the moribund mining industry.

The alliance vowed to block mining projects at the community level, as it assailed last month's Supreme Court ruling upholding the provisions of the 1995 Mining Act which would allow foreign companies to take part in local mining operations.

'McFats' to cost McDo $8.5M

SAN FRANCISCO— McDonald's has agreed to pay $8.5 million to settle a lawsuit over artery-clogging trans fats in its cooking oils, the company said on Friday.

McDonald's said it will donate $7 million to the American Heart Association and spend another $1.5 million to inform the public of its trans fat plans.

The settlement is the result of litigation by a San Francisco area activist who has been seeking to raise public awareness of the health dangers from the trans fatty acids (TFAs) in hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils.

Trans fats are used in thousands of processed food products, often giving the crunch to french fries, cookies and cereals.

They are created in processing vegetable oils and have been found to be as unhealthy as pure cholesterol. The latest official United States nutrition recommendations suggest limiting their intake.

"McDonald's has reached an agreement to further notify our customers about the status of our ongoing initiative to reduce TFAs in our cooking oil," the company said in a statement.

Stephen Joseph, a lawyer who founded BanTransFats.com, sued McDonald's over complaints the firm did not properly inform the public that it had encountered delays in plans to lessen the trans fats in its cooking oils. *Reuters*

Senate to probe credit card firms over fees

By Michael Lim Ubac

CREDIT card users are used to the excessively high monthly interest rates being charged by credit card companies.

But they can no longer take the hidden charges they are being made to pay and have brought their complaints to the Senate.

Sen. Richard Gordon, chair of the Senate committee on government corporations and public enterprises, will seek a Senate inquiry into credit card services' abuses next week.

Gordon yesterday accused credit card companies of "taking advantage and abusing their clientele" by imposing excessive and hidden charges.

"We have to look into this matter to be able to craft legislation to protect credit card holders," said Gordon. "It is the duty of the state, as parens patriae or parent of the people to protect its citizens from any kind of abuses or injustice."

The investigation would enable the Senate to introduce legislation protecting credit cardholders from being abused or financially exploited, he said.

Gordon told the INQUIRER he had received numerous complaints from credit card customers who claimed they were being "unjustly, excessively and sometimes overcharged" by their credit card companies.

Credit cardholders complained that despite paying their obligations on time, they were still being charged fines, especially if they paid on the last payment due date, he said.

Even checks, if used to pay on the due date, would be honored only after three days (usual period for check processing), thus entailing late charges, said the senator.

"But checks are negotiable instruments, and considered good as cash," said Gordon.

This was also true of those paying through banks, ATMs and payment centers in malls, he said.

Gordon said some cardholders complained that certain credit card companies were illegally adding amounts or surcharges to their purchases, averaging five percent of the actual cost, even though they were already earning interest on their advances.

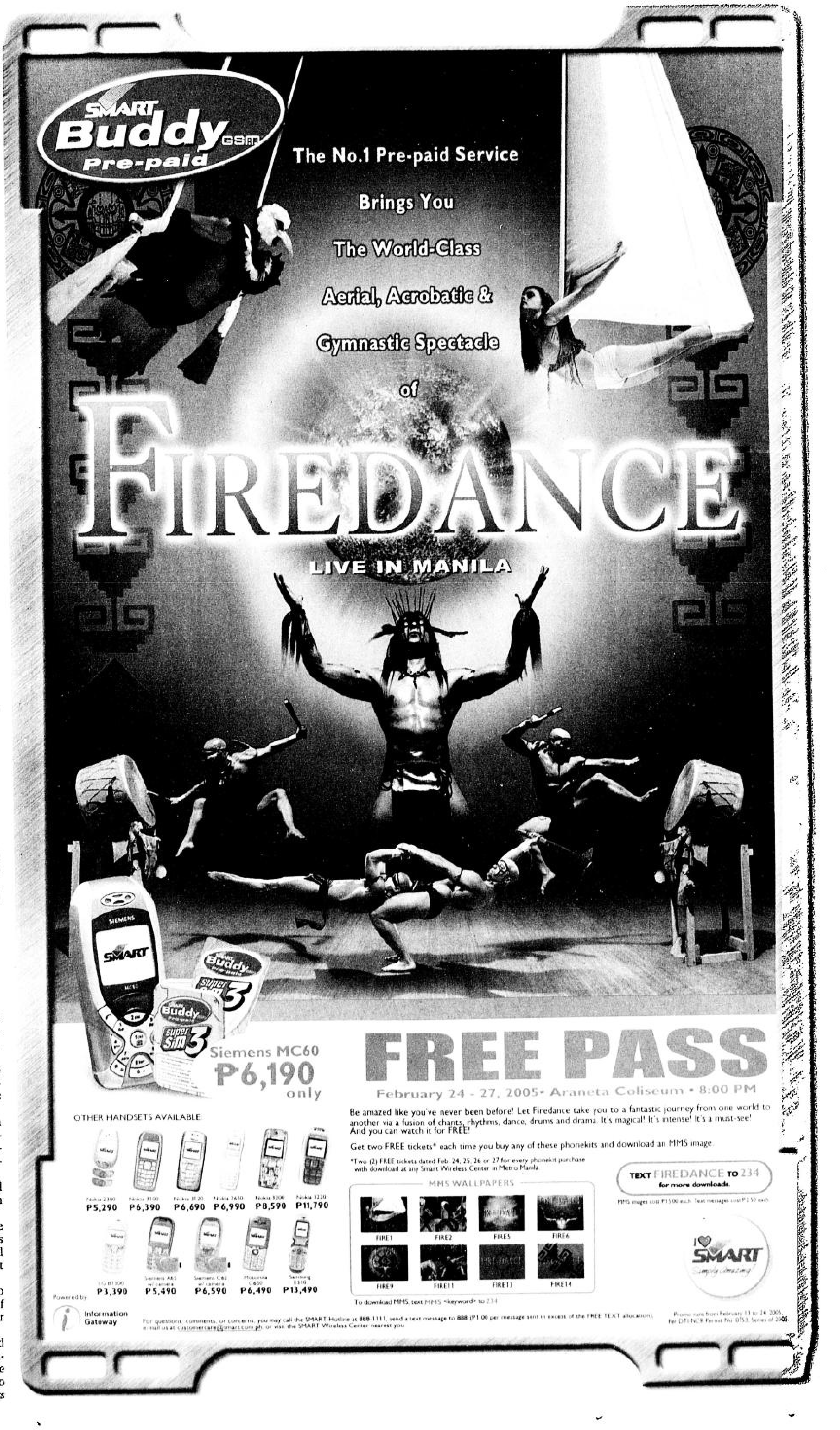
Clients also complained of "hidden charges," of which they were not aware, but that were still being added to their obligations, he said.

Credit card firms slap a monthly interest rate, ranging from 2.3 percent to 3.5 percent, on purchases, but this does not include late and finance charges. The interest rate may go up because it is computed based on the total payable amount, not on the individual purchases.

"Many cardholders also complained of harassment by the collection departments or agencies hired by the credit card companies, who use unethical or strong-arm methods to force clients in arrears to pay up. These include frequent phone calls and threatening letters," he said.

Even court personnel had complained that they were being used as "collection agents" of credit card companies through the indiscriminate filing of estafa or collection cases against allegedly defaulting clients.

"In effect, credit card companies are using government personnel for their own private profits," court personnel, including some fiscals," he said.



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IT'S BACK to the bamboo for Las Piñas City to save its dying waterways from erosion and pollution. Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar, who started the project two years ago, shows where the bamboo trees are planted along Pulang Lupa River.

JESS YUSON

Bamboo serves another purpose . . .

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Las Piñas took its cue from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, which, she said, had "encouraged local government units to adopt a plant species that they wanted to be identified with."

But even ahead of the DENR's prodding, "we were already considering the bamboo for its usefulness against erosion," she said.

According to Villar's Sagip Ilog master plan, the two rivers—stretching a total of 56 kilometers, including the minor creeks—are being dredged, their banks reinforced, and their waters cleared of piles of garbage.

Bamboo cuttings are planted once these improvements are made, like sentries deployed on newly conquered turf.

Not an easy task

But despite the use of two backhoes, two speedboats with barges, and a dump truck donated by the congresswoman's husband, Sen. Manny Villar, workers have so far covered only 22 percent of the target area.

Just up to 12 km of riverbed have been dredged and cleaned, and only 2.9 km of riverbank have been planted.

Nobody said the task would be easy, given the deterioration of the rivers since the 1970s.

Project coordinator Kiko Magallanes said he could still remember the rivers and their banks in a pristine state.

"These used to be salt beds, which [the town] was once famous for," he said, pointing to now empty lots on both sides of the Las Piñas river.

Time was when the rivers, which converge up north in a single mouth leading to Manila Bay, teemed with crabs, shrimp and a variety of saltwater fish courtesy of the changing tides.

All that began to disappear in the last three decades, especially with the opening of the Coastal Road that runs by the town and the resulting wave of new settlers, including riverside squatters, Magallanes said.

Trash by truckloads

To illustrate how much garbage has since choked the river systems, Magallanes said that two years after Sagip Ilog was launched, "we're still getting as much as four to five truckloads of trash daily, at eight cubic meters per truckload."

Businessman Ruben Vea painted a dismal picture: "When we got here the first time, you could not see the water at all. It was all covered with trash, plastic bags..."

Vea is a volunteer from the local Couples for Christ chapter, Congresswoman Villar's main partner in the project. He takes the Sagip Ilog campaign to a level where no backhoe or dump truck can venture: the minds of riverside residents.

Every Saturday, almost without fail for the last two years, he has been visiting one neighborhood after another to personally remind the *tabing-ilog* folk to stop throwing their trash into the river.

The CFC contributes to the project by training residents in waste management, Vea said, adding with a smile:

"Actually, we're not even asking them to help us in the actual cleaning. All we ask is for them not to make the mess any worse.

"We tell them that they're doing it not for the congresswoman but for themselves. It's for their own protection against floods and disease."

River Watch

Vea's appeals seem to be hitting their mark: The residents are now grouped into 156 "River Watch teams," each of which is responsible for keeping its respective side of the waterways clean.

He considers it a blessing that the riverbanks have so far not hosted any major industrial complex that could worsen the water contamination.

By Villar's reckoning, the cleanup has been progressing at six kilometers a year, which means it will take seven more years to rehabilitate the entire 56-km stretch.

But the initial signs of success are undeniable. While the DENR has been monitoring the water's oxygen content, one can tell by sight and smell that the rivers are coming back to life.

Vea and Magallanes gladly reported that "there's current again" after all those years of stagnation as a result of garbage overload. At high tide, the newly dredged sections can go as deep as four meters, they said.

Shade and song

The waters are far from crystal-clear, but at least they no longer stink and groan under ugly, if colorful, mounds of refuse. On a good day, the air carries traces of the rivers' natural, briny breath.

And hopefully, when the fish, crabs and shrimps finally return, Las Piñas' riverside bamboo trees would be thick and tall enough to provide shade and song.

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The guerrilla who lost all his family

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ther Carlos I, and the entire Perez Rubio household staff. Not far from the Perez Rubio home, Miguel's brother Carlos II was beheaded at the Masonic Temple on Taft Avenue.

Miguel was the sole survivor.

"They are all dead ... they are all dead." Miguel said in an interview. These words he intoned repeatedly.

When he somehow got over the shock of losing his entire family, Miguel made his way down to Manila and to his once elegant Vito Cruz mansion which he now found in cinders.

Recovering bodies

"I went into our burned-out compound and recovered the brutalized bodies of my parents, my brothers, Javier and Carlos; my sister Guadalupe who had been raped before she was bayoneted to death; my two aunts, an uncle-in-law, their four children, my 'yaya' Terya. With my friends' help, we loaded them on a truck and buried them in La Loma cemetery," Miguel recalled with great sadness.

As a former guerrilla, he was made aide de camp to Brig. Gen. Roxas in late 1945 up to early 1946 when Roxas went back to civilian life as leader of the Liberal Party in the Senate.

Trying to forget

"I suffered psychologically and had frequent nightmares about the massacre of my family," said Miguel. In order to forget, he decided to go to Spain for studies at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid.

Later he went to the United States and engaged in business, using some of the fortune of his father who had owned real estate and the Luzon Stevedoring Company.

"But I could not forget Manila. It beckoned to me, especially as it fought to regain freedom from martial law. So I returned and looked for a job here," Miguel continued.

Working with Cory

Early in 1986, he worked with the Cory Media Bureau, giving daily press briefings for the media. When Cory Aquino was installed as President on Feb. 26, she appointed Miguel Perez Rubio chief of Presidential Protocol with the rank of ambassador. Now past retirement age, he does volunteer work with the Truth Commission and the Dangerous Drugs Board.

Women, children brutalized

Alfonso Aluit, in his well-researched book, "By Sword and Fire," recounts that by the 9th of February 1945, the Japanese 'kamikaze' troops swaggered on the streets of Malate, shooting at people who ventured out.

Earlier, their commander Adm. Sanji Iwabuchi had ordered them to shoot all Filipinos, civilians as well as combatants.

The Syquias

"The bombing and the shelling continued without letup," Aluit wrote, "At the southwest corner of Colorado (now Felipe Agoncillo Street) and California, (now Escoda Street) stood the home of Doña Concepcion Jimenez de Syquia, mother of Alicia Syquia Quirino and mother-in-law of the senator-elect, later to become president, Elpidio Quirino. Doña Alicia, the infant Fe Angela in her arms, led her young children Norma, Tommy and Vicky out the gate of their bombed-out duplex and down the street towards her mother's home.

Her husband and her son Armando were still in the duplex gathering some clothes and foodstuffs. Doña Alicia and her children did reach the intersection of Colorado and California which was mined and partly barricaded.

Japanese machinegun

Historian Aluit continued, "At the end of the block was a Japanese machinegun nest. Now it opened fire on the small group of mother and her children. Tommy and Vicky sprinted across the street and reached the driveway of their grandmother's house . They heard Doña Alicia screaming to the Japanese machine-gunner to please stop firing at her. Then she fell quiet, sprawled dead on the sidewalk with her infant daughter and her teenaged girl Norma. Later, they would learn that son Armando had also fallen."

Alicia Quirino, 3 children

The death of Alicia Syquia Quirino and three of her five children almost doomed the political career of her husband Elpidio. "She was a beautiful, dynamic woman who encouraged and supported her husband Elpidio in his political life," said her niece Lourdes Syquia Bautista.

Doña Alicia's grandson Eddie, son of Tommy and Conchita, told this writer in an interview that the Syquia mansion in the historic district of Vigan City was very much identified with Doña Alicia. She had grown up in that *bahay na bato* built by her grandfather, among crystal chandeliers and hardwood furniture selected by her mother.

When she married the brilliant lawyer Elpidio Quirino and he became congressman for Ilocos Sur, Doña Alicia hosted luncheons and dinners at her elegant 14-seater banquet table, serving gourmet dishes on choice porcelain.

Amorsolo portraits

According to Eddie Quirino, the beautiful life-size portrait of Doña Alicia was painted by Fernando Amorsolo on commission by the Department of Foreign Affairs which presented it to President Quirino.

Amorsolo also did a similar portrait of Vicky Quirino (now Mrs. Delgado) when she became the official hostess of her father in Malacañang. Both Amorsolos now adorn the living room of the mansion in Vigan.

Almost a week after the fatal machinegun firing that felled the Quirino family as well as their Mendoza and Syquia cousins, the holdout Japanese forces systematically burned the mansions and buildings in the cosmopolitan districts of Ermita and Malate.

The Rochas

"The Japanese burned all homes without exception on M. H. del Pilar Street," said Juan Jose Rocha, formerly Philippine ambassador to Spain, now chief of his family's vast shipping and realty firms.

He was only seven-and-a-half years old on Feb. 15, 1945, when the fire and continued shelling caused the death of his mother Josefina Perez Rocha, then 33. His two aunts, Carmen and Pilar Rocha, and their young children were also killed.

"My mother was not only a conscientious and loving wife and mother, she also had a sharp eye for real estate, such as when she tagged a corner lot facing the Manila Cathedral which came to be the postwar site of Casa Rocha." Ambassador Rocha said in the interview.

Grief-stricken, forgiving

"In our grief, Father brought us, three children, to the United States. But we returned in 1947. We had to accept the tragedy and forgive its perpetrators because of our Christian upbringing," he said.

Tomorrow: Massacre of Augustinians and health workers of San Juan de Dios

Memorare to launch book on 1945 'terror in Manila'

MEMORARE-MANILA 1945 Foundation Inc., a private non-profit organization founded by civilian survivors of the Battle of Manila in February 1945 and by descendants of non-combatant victims of that battle, will honor the victims and keep alive their memory with the launching next month of "Terror in Manila—February 1945," the first major publication in which "Memorare" is playing a leading role.

Some 100,000 innocent men, women and children perished in the inferno which Manila was turned into by the Japanese decision to make the city a battleground instead of declaring it an open city, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur had done in 1941.

The vast majority of the victims were Filipinos, but there were also nationals from neutral and friendly countries, as well as citizens from countries supposedly allied with Japan. They included Spaniards, Chinese, Americans, Germans, Britons, Irish, Portuguese, French, Dutch, Russians, Hungarians, Jews, Czechoslovakians, Indians, Pakistanis, Venezuelans, Chileans and Swiss, whose non-belligerent status was ignored by the brutal Japanese soldiers.

"Memorare" said it aims to honor the victims and keep alive their memory by collecting eyewitness accounts and depositing them in archives, by encouraging the publication of books and articles regarding this aspect of the Liberation of Manila, by stimulating the formation of similar societies elsewhere in the country, and by putting up appropriate memorials whenever and wherever possible.

It has already erected a monument to the non-combatant victims in Intramuros, which has become a focal point for memorial tributes and visits.

As for the once "Pearl of the Orient," William Manchester wrote in his "American Caesar" that "The destruction of Manila was one of the greatest tragedies of World War II. Of allied capitals in those war years, only Warsaw suffered more. Seventy percent of the utilities, 73 percent of the factories, 80 percent of the southern residential district, and 100 percent of the business district was razed."

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Gov't to make it easier to become Pinoy again after Fil-Ams complain

By Jerome Aning

THE BUREAU of Immigration has promised to make it easier to reacquire Philippine citizenship after thousands of Filipino-Americans in the United States complained the process was too tedious and onerous.

Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. assured Senate President Franklin Drilon, principal author of the Dual Citizenship Act, that he would ease the implementing guidelines of the law that enables natural-born Filipinos who had acquired foreign citizenship to reacquire or retain their Philippine citizenship.

Drilon and Fernandez met last week with Loida Nicolas-Lewis, chair of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations, and Delia Muqoz, former consul general in San Francisco, California.

Frustrations

During the dialogue, Lewis and Muqoz told of the "hardships and frustrations" experienced by Fil-Ams in complying with the "difficult and numerous" requirements imposed by the BI.

The law gives applying Fil-Ams back the right to vote, run for public office and own property in the Philippines.

Lewis and Muqoz said Fil-Ams wanting to avail of the dual citizenship law were being required to submit numerous documents.

This was the reason, Lewis said, only 2,500 of a prospective 1.5-million Fil-Ams in San Francisco have availed of the dual citizenship law.

Simple

During the meeting, Drilon explained the legislative history of the law and said Congress deliberately mandated that its implementing rules should be as simple as possible.

After hearing the complaints, Fernandez said the bureau would adopt a "presumptive approach" where Fil-Ams seeking to reacquire Philippine citizenship would be presumed to be natural-born Filipino citizens unless proven otherwise.

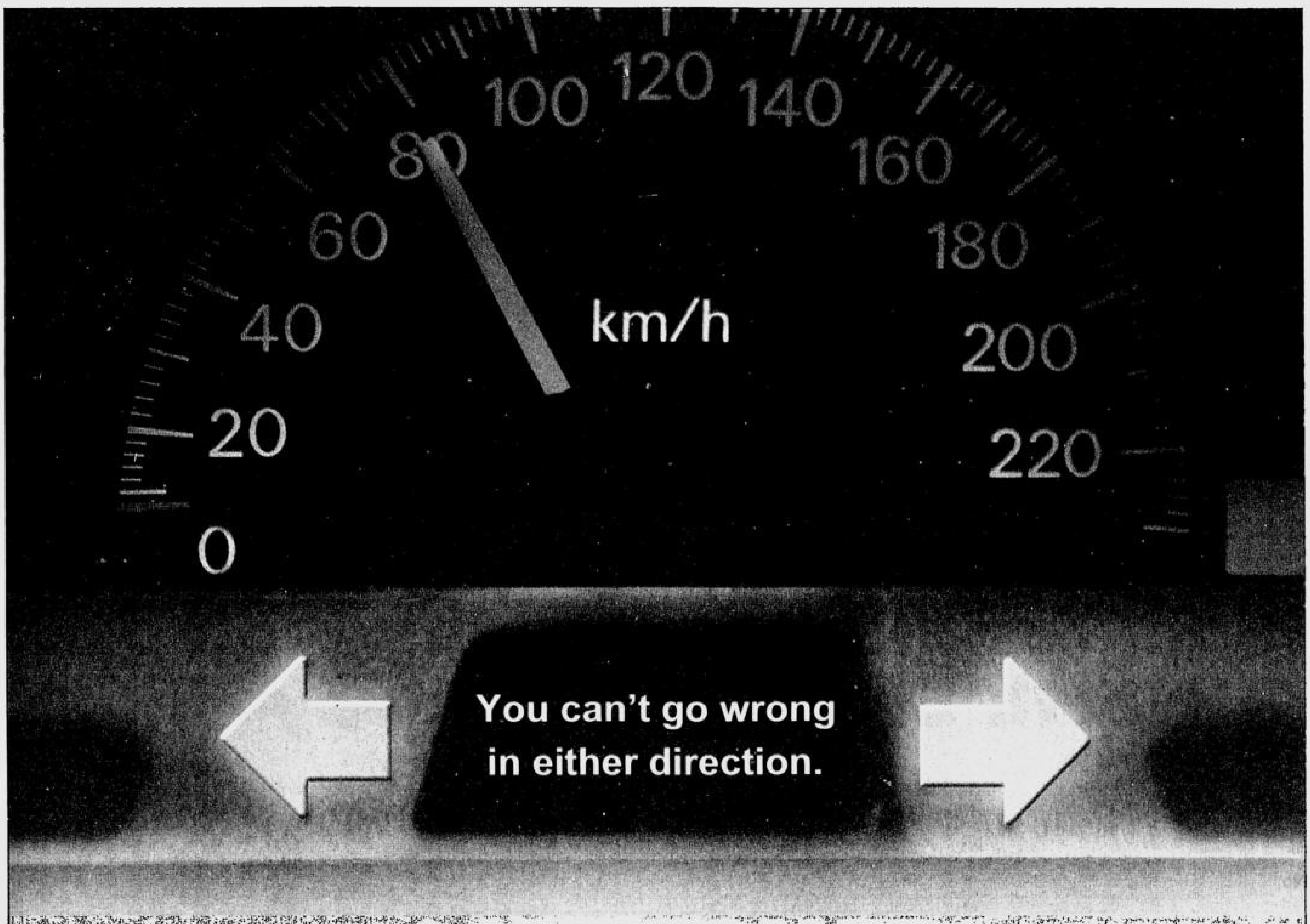
The dual citizenship law was signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo on Aug. 30, 2003. It allows natural-born Filipinos who have become citizens of foreign countries to regain their Filipino citizenship in a move partly intended to resuscitate the faltering Philippine economy.

'Homing instinct'

Drilon noted the law was also in keeping with globalization and the strong "homing" instincts of millions of Filipinos living abroad.

Filipinos who had become naturalized citizens of other countries would be able to reacquire their citizenship after taking an oath of allegiance. Their children under 18 would also be deemed Philippine citizens.

Those who reacquire Filipino citizenship will be allowed to vote and run for office unless they are candidates or are already holding public office in their adopted countries.



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US rejects N. Korea demand for talks

SEOUL—South Korean newspapers urged the government on Saturday to stand firm against North Korea and insist that nuclear weapons are unacceptable, while the United States rejected North Korean calls for bilateral talks.

Pyongyang's announcement on Thursday that it had nuclear weapons and was pulling out of six-party talks aimed at curbing its atomic ambitions presents a major challenge to South Korea, its main ally, the United States, and China, which has played a lead role in the disarmament effort.

"The government must show in concrete policies that North Korea's nuclear armament is unacceptable," the conservative Chosun Ilbo newspaper said in an editorial.

World leaders and analysts have warned Pyongyang against raising the stakes with its nuclear boast, and tried to play down its significance as merely confirming what they already knew.

But the development comes at a critical time for US President George W. Bush at the start of his second term, who also faces confrontation with Iran over its nuclear ambitions.

US Secretary of State Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is to discuss North Korea with Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing in the coming days and South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon is already in Washington for talks.

An editorial in another conservative daily, the Jong-a Ilbo, urged South Korea to take a hard line with the Stalinist North.

"It needs to show in action that its position is 'no acceptance' of North Korea's nuclear weapons," it said, adding that Seoul should reconsider how it gives aid to the North.

South Korea, while still technically at war with its impoverished neighbor half a century after the truce which halted the Korean War, has been trying to improve relations by offering economic and humanitarian assistance.

Nevertheless, it lives under constant threat from a state that masses 70 percent of its 1.2-million-strong army along a border passing just 65 km north of Seoul.

North Korea declared on Thursday that it had acquired nuclear weapons to boost its defenses in the face of US hostility and what it called a White House goal of "regime change."

A North Korean diplomat at the United Nations said in an interview published on Friday: "If the United States wants to talk to us directly, it can be seen as a sign of a change in the US hostile policy toward North Korea."

But White House spokesperson Scott McClellan insisted Bush would stick to the six-nation format in which the United States, China, South Korea, Japan and Russia negotiate with North Korea.

The six held three rounds of talks since August 2003 until the process stalled last year.

Countries around the globe have urged North Korea to return to the talks.

"All of North Korea's neighbors in the region recognize that this is a regional problem and it requires a multilateral approach for resolving it," McClellan said.

But US officials held open the possibility of direct talks with Pyongyang within the six-country process. *Reuters*

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4 Tanong

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Sagot:

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5 Tanong

Ano po itong Open System? Bakit parcho ang bayad ng nag-exit sa Valenzuela at ng nag-exit naman sa Bocaue samantalang pareho lamang galing sa Balintawak Toll Plaza?

Sagot:

Pahintulutan ninyo kaming magpaliwanag nang ganito: Wala pong ipinag-iba ito sa "flag-down rate" ng taxi. Sa pagpasok pa lamang ay kinakailangang magbayad na ng "flat fee."

6 Tanong

Bakit ito tinawag na "Open System"?

Sagot:

Ang simpleng sagot ay ganito: Pagkatapos ninyong magbayad sa Balintawak toll plaza, "open" na po ang lahat ng toll exits mula Valenzuela hanggang Marilao. Tuloy-tuloy na kayong lalabas at di na kayo papara ulit sa mga nasabing exits.

7 Tanong

Ano naman itong "Closed System"?

Sagot:

Ang "Closed System" ay nagsisimula sa Marilao northbound hanggang dulo ng NLEx sa Sta. Ines, Pampanga at pabalik. Ito ay pangkaraniwang sistema sa mga tollway kung saan ang kaukulang bayad ay batay sa bawa't kilometrong nilakbay.

8 Tanong

Bakit kailangang magbabayad ng dalawang beses kung halimbawang lalabas ako sa tinatawag na closed system?

Sagot:

Ayon sa bagong sistema, dadaan kayo sa 'open' system at tatawid kayo sa "closed" system. Magbabayad muna kayo ng flat fee at pagkatapos, bawa't kilometro na ang bayad sa kahit saang exit na bahagi ng "closed system".

Halimbawa lamang po. Pagpasok ninyo sa Balintawak , magbabayad muna kayo ng P42. Pagkatapos, babayaran ninyo ang balanse ng kabuuang toll fee sa Dau Toll Plaza palabas ng bagong NLE.

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Writers mourn US playwright Arthur Miller

NEW YORK—Major literary figures from around the world mourned the passing of American playwright Arthur Miller, calling him a leader in both literature and life.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author, who died late Thursday at his home in Connecticut, aged 89, had been suffering from cancer, pneumonia and a heart condition.

"He was a landmark, he was a leader, and I was extremely attached to him," British playwright Harold Pinter said, calling Miller's plays some of the finest works produced in the last century.

"He was unremitting and remorseless in using his critical intelligence. He did this both as a man and as a playwright, and that's why he's such a remarkable figure," Pinter said in remarks taped by the BBC.

"The news of his death moved me a lot, because I was his friend since the 1960s," former Czech president and playwright Vaclav Havel said in Prague.

"I consider him to be the greatest playwright of the 20th century. His death is a great loss for world literature," Havel said.

Salman Rushdie called Miller "a man of true moral stature, a rare quality in these degraded days."

"Writing meant, for him, an effort to locate in the human species a counterforce to the randomness of victimization,'" Rushdie said.

Miller won international acclaim for works such as the "Death of a Salesman" and "The Crucible" that tapped into the malaise of post-war America and the hunt for suspected communists.

He led a colorful and controversial career that included a well-publicized romance with starlet Marilyn Monroe and bitter squabbles over his links to the Communist party in the United States.

Despite decades of success, his work was preoccupied with the question of failure and personal tragedy in the American working class—a theme etched into his soul growing up in the midst of the Great Depression.

The son of Jewish immigrants of Polish origin, Miller was born in New York on Oct. 17, 1915.

His early years were marked by the desperation of his father, whose garment business collapsed amid the Depression, and the physical, moral and financial strains those difficult years placed on society at large.

After university in Michigan, Miller returned to New York and his first play, "The Man Who Had All The Luck," opened in 1944.

The play, about a financially successful man who is nevertheless unhappy, presaged one of the great themes of his life's work, but was met with scathing reviews.

Two years later, however, his first Broadway production, "All My Sons," marked his first success. The play, about a businessman who sells defective parts to the US military, touched a chord with post-war American audiences.

But it was "Death of a Salesman" in 1949 that established Miller's career.

The story of Willy Loman, a failed businessman who looks back on his life before killing himself to leave insurance money for his son, was compared to Dostoevsky and Shakespeare, and won the Pulitzer Prize. *AFP*

17 killed in new Iraq car bomb attack

HILLA, Iraq—A fresh car bomb attack killed 17 people south of Baghdad on Saturday, as violence continued to engulf Iraq ahead of the announcement of the country's election results.

The car bomb in the mixed Sunni-Shiite town of Musayyib, on the edge of the infamous "triangle of death," went off at 8:30 a.m.

"Seventeen people were killed, including three policemen, and 16 wounded, three of them also policemen, in the explosion of a car bomb," said the head of the general hospital in the nearby city of Hilla.

Police Lt. Mohammed Tamimi said the bomb, which exploded near a hospital and local council buildings, was not a suicide attack.

On Friday, 14 people were killed in a suicide car bomb attack near a Shiite mosque in the town of Balad Ruz, northeast of Baghdad, while another seven were killed in an attack on Shiite-owned bakeries in the capital.

The Balad Ruz attack was claimed by the network of al-Qaida frontman in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, which called for the imposition of Islamic law.

Ahead of the Jan. 30 general elections, Zarqawi, the most wanted man in Iraq, had pledged to wage holy war against the Shiite majority, whose expected political empowerment has fueled the anger of extremist Sunni Arab groups.

An Iraqi judge who used to be an investigating magistrate under Saddam Hussein's regime was also shot dead Saturday in the southern city of Basra.

Nearly two weeks after Iraqis participated in their first free elections in decades, a recount was still underway and electoral commission official Farid Ayar said the final results would not be announced on Saturday.

Depite having no set date, final results are expected to confirm a crushing domination of the main Shiite religious coalition blessed by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the country's top Shiite cleric.

Partial results also show that the ticket formed by the two leading Kurdish parties mustered a large number of votes, which could guarantee the Kurds a kingmaking role in the constitution-writing phase.

The government line-up is expected to be announced days after the official results, as all parties seek to balance out key posts in a bid to avoid sectarian resentment during a period which will see the new national assembly draft a permanent constitution.

On a surprise visit to Iraq on Friday, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld hailed the elections as a major accomplishment and stressed the increasing role of home-grown forces who will eventually take over from US and other foreign troops.

The highest-ranking US official to visit Iraq since the landmark polls, he told several hundred soldiers that it would "take some time" to train security forces but the Iraqis must prepare themselves.

"Because it is the Iraqis who are going to have to, over time, defeat the insurgents. It is their country. It is their responsibility.

"Once they have confidence and capacity and capability, our forces, coalition forces, will be able to go home. And go home with the honor you will have earned," he said. *AFP*

A MARSH girl watches as British and Iraqi soldiers conduct a patrol near the Glory Canal in the marshlands of southeast Iraq Feb 7. REUTERS

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Pontiff misses Mass, asks the ill to pray for him

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul, convalescing after 10 days in hospital, asked the world's sick on Friday to pray for him at a special Mass for the ill.

The 84-year-old Pontiff did not attend the service in person, as Vatican officials sought to safeguard his fragile health following a recent breathing crisis that forced his urgent hospitalization on Feb. 1.

Instead a senior cardinal read his address for him, saying the suffering of the sick could inspire faith in others.

"The Pope greatly values the importance of your prayers and your suffering. Offer these up to the Church and to the world, offer them also to me," he said in the address to mark the day the Roman Catholic Church dedicates each year to sick people.

"Your suffering is never useless, dear sick people. Moreover, it's a precious thing," the speech added.

The Polish Pontiff returned to the Vatican on Thursday evening after doctors decided he had recovered from acute throat spasms brought on by a bout of influenza.

He also suffers from Parkinson's disease and severe arthritis, can no longer walk and has difficulty speaking. His urgent admission to hospital raised fresh questions over how long he can remain head of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics.

In an apparent bid to allay fears about his health, John Paul was brought home from hospital in full public view, sitting in a brightly lit Popemobile for the five minute drive through Rome, which was broadcast live on Italian television. *Reuters*

US 'visa brokers' for Asian migrants draw jail time

SACRAMENTO—The last three of 10 "visa brokers" convicted of conspiring with two US state department officials to violate immigration laws were sentenced to federal prison Friday.

The three bribed a pair of husband-and-wife diplomats with hundreds of thousands of dollars to issue about 200 visas from the US embassies in Sri Lanka, Fiji and Vietnam mainly to Vietnamese and Indian nationals between 1995 and April 2003.

Long N. Lee, 52, who was chief administrative officer at the US Embassy in Colombo, Sri Lanka, is serving a five-year prison term. Her husband, Acey R. Johnson, 34, who had worked in the consular section of the embassy, is serving a term of five years and three months.

On Friday, Vinesh Prasad, 33, of Sacramento, was sentenced to 57 months imprisonment. His brother Minesh Prasad, 30, also of Sacramento, was sentenced to 41 months, and Kim Chi Lam, 53, of Gardena, to 30 months.

The Prasads forfeited $75,000 under a plea agreement, and Lam forfeited about $40,000 in cash connected to the visa fraud.

Prosecutors said Vinesh Prasad was a leader of Sacramento-area visa brokers who arranged for residents primarily from India to bribe their way into the United States. Lam was one of the primary organizers for Vietnamese who wanted to gain entry.

Ten brokers have now been sentenced in the case, while one alleged broker remains a fugitive. *AP*

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Diana's legacy looms over new royal wedding

LONDON—Princess Diana once famously complained about her husband's relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, saying "there were three of us in this marriage." The same could be said of the upcoming royal nuptials.

Diana's legacy looms over Charles' second wedding, influencing everything from the fact Camilla won't be queen to the low-key civil ceremony. On Friday, many commentators felt Diana would forever be the standard by which Charles' new wife was judged.

"The ghost of Diana will hover over the wedding," royal historian Robert Lacey told The Guardian newspaper. "Diana still has a hold on the public's imagination."

The two royal weddings could scarcely be more different. Once upon a time—in 1981—the heir to the British throne and his beautiful young bride married in fairy-tale splendor at St. Paul's Cathedral. A million cheering people lined the streets to watch their coach and horses pass by.

On April 8, a gray, balding Charles and his middle-aged, divorced companion will wed in a discreet civil ceremony attended by friends and family, including the four children of their respective failed marriages.

Diana's death in a 1997 car crash sealed her status as a tragic icon, and seemed the ultimate confirmation of the royal family's fall from grace. The image—however illusory—of an institution that epitomized aristocratic style and moral leadership was now replaced by that of a fallible, dysfunctional family.

Some people in Britain, however, have noted that Parker Bowles' low-key persona may be just the tonic needed to restore a sense of dignity and decorum to the House of Windsor.

She may be a bit frumpy, and tend to blend into a room rather than light it up, but Parker Bowles represents a peculiarly British kind of understated class that Diana—with her Hollywood magnetism that appealed nearly universally—never really possessed.

Ingrid Seward, editor of Majesty magazine, said it was simply unrealistic to think a couple entering their twilight years could compete for hearts with the young Charles and Diana.

"You can't compare the marriage of two middle-aged people to the wedding of two glamorous young people," she said in an interview. "It's just a different scenario. I think this is quite normal."

In an editorial, The Times newspaper said that the royal household had judged the announcement of the nuptials just right, calling the approach "patient and pragmatic."

"The turbulent nature of the prince's marriage to Diana, Princess of Wales, and the tragic character of her death have made the idea of this marriage controversial... Most of those involved have acted with dignity and due care," the newspaper said.

Not everybody was so generous, however.

"What would Diana say?" demanded The Daily Express tabloid in a huge front-page headline.

Diana's former Butler, Paul Burrell, said holding the wedding before a coroner's inquest into Diana's death is completed next year was "crass."

Charles, he wrote in the Daily Mirror, should never be king.

"Millions will not have forgotten the misery Charles caused his wife," Burrell wrote. "And nor should we. We certainly should not forgive."

"I think that's absolute rubbish," said Majesty editor Seward. "Diana's true friends know she wanted Charles to make an honest woman of Camilla. People get stuck in a time warp. Diana had moved on, she was very friendly with Charles toward the end of her life." AP

THE PRINCESS and Prince of Wales are seen on their wedding day in London July 29, 1981. Prince Charles is to marry his partner Camilla Parker Bowles, the prince's office said Feb. 10. Charles dated Camilla many years before he married Diana. AP

Islamists win Saudi capital elections

RIYADH—Islamist-backed candidates triumphed over tribal opponents and businessmen in Saudi Arabia's landmark men-only elections in the capital Riyadh, according to preliminary results released on Friday.

Losing candidates cried foul, saying six of the seven victors had violated a ban on election alliances when their names were circulated via mobile phones and the Internet to voters in the deeply conservative Muslim kingdom with messages suggesting they had Islamist backing.

"There were regulations which forbade any coalitions. Those regulations were violated," defeated candidate Zafer al-Yami said. "They won through this violation."

"I don't know them personally... But they had a religious character to them," he said of the winners, adding that he planned to appeal the result.

Thursday's municipal elections in Riyadh and outlying areas were the first stage of an unprecedented nationwide vote in the kingdom, which is edging toward political reform under pressure from the United States and domestic activists.

Hundreds of candidates registered to stand for the seven seats up for grabs in the capital. The other seven seats will be appointed and the powers of the municipal councils are likely to be limited. Women were barred from voting or standing.

At least one candidate was estimated to have spent millions of riyals (hundreds of thousands of dollars) on election posters, newspapers advertisements and rallies as part of his unsuccessful campaign.

Election commission chief Prince Mansour bin Miteb bin Abdul-Aziz said the Riyadh city council winners were Abdullah al-Suweilam, Suleiman al-Rashoudi, Tareq al-Kassabi, Abdul-Aziz al-Omari, Omar Basudan, Ibrahim Quaid and Misfer al-Bawardi.

Turnout in the capital had been 65 percent of registered voters, though only a small fraction of the eligible male voters bothered to register in December, reflecting skepticism over the powers the half-elected councils will wield.

It was not immediately clear what path the victorious candidates might chart for the councils. The candidates themselves could not be immediately contacted.

"I hope they can serve the citizens, though I doubt they can because they represent only one part of the spectrum," said university professor Ahmed Owais, one of hundreds who petitioned de facto ruler Crown Prince Abdullah last year for reforms.

Owais said it was natural that Islamist candidates would do better than liberal reformers and other candidates because they had "the mechanisms which other people do not have" in the cradle of Islam, where political parties are banned.

"But we must defend this experiment and it should continue regardless who wins," he added.

Losing candidate Bandar al-Faqir said he received a mobile phone text message advising him to vote for a list of seven "virtuous" candidates.

"The list of names is exactly the same as the list of winners," Faqir said. "We don't have a religious trend because we are all Muslims, but there are those who exploited religion in the elections." Reuters.

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Nepal king: Emergency not for long

KATMANDU—King Gyanendra has assured India that the emergency he slapped on Nepal this month would not last long, a report said Saturday as the Himalayan nation braced for a Maoist rebel transport blockade.

King Gyanendra told Indian ambassador to Nepal Shiv Shankar Mukherjee that the emergency measures he introduced on Feb. 1 were only intended to be in a place for a short time, the Himalayan Times English daily said.

Mukherjee, who was granted a royal audience this week, said the king also explained in detail the reasons for his decision to sack the government, impose the emergency and assume absolute power.

The report gave no details about the king's statements. The monarch said on Feb. 1 he had fired the government because it had failed to quell the Maoist uprising, which was launched in 1996 and has cost 11,000 lives.

The newspaper said the Indian envoy had expressed his government's concern at developments in the kingdom and its fears that the Maoist insurgency in Nepal was spilling into neighboring India.

"We have our own problem with left extremism in India," the envoy said.

India and the United States are Nepal's main backers, supplying the government with financial aid and much-needed military equipment to fight the Maoists, who are waging a bloody rebellion in a bid to install a communist republic in the world's only Hindu kingdom.

US ambassador to Nepal James Moriarty warned on Friday that the aid was at risk following the king's power grab.

"There is pressure on US assistance here, that's undeniable," he told reporters. Asked if US aid could be withdrawn, he said, "I think it's at risk, everything is at risk." *AFP*

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Breakaway

EDITORIAL

THE TIES that bind armed anti-government Moro groups are impossibly knotted. You pull on one, and you tug another. Something of the sort must have happened in the last two weeks, after the Armed Forces launched a new offensive against the Abu Sayyaf bandit group in the towns of Maimbung and Patikul in Sulu.

Apparently, because of the close ties between some members of the Abu Sayyaf and some members of a Moro National Liberation Front group still loyal to Nur Misuari, its jailed founder, the offensive also claimed casualties among the loyalists.

"It is really unfortunate that the Misuari breakaway group was also hit," said Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza of the Southern Command. (The Misuari group said those who were "executed" by the soldiers were in fact civilians.) The loyalists' response came the following Monday, when about 400 of them attacked different military positions in Jolo.

After five days of fighting, which according to the military has claimed the lives of at least 24 soldiers and 40 rebels, the rebels have been chased out of their camp. They have since taken refuge in the mountains, surrounded by around 2,000 soldiers. The end, Brig. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala said, will come "in a few days."

The loyalists' leader denies that they are a breakaway group. "We are the original MNLF. We recognize chairman Nur Misuari as our legitimate leader. We are not renegades or a breakaway group. We always uphold the MNLF's vision under chairman Nur Misuari," said Ustadz Habier Malik.

But in truth, Malik's group has been overtaken by events and repudiated by history. More MNLF members recognize the new leadership of the movement and of the ARMM; more members (perhaps simply through inertia) accept the terms of the 1996 peace agreement; more members now see themselves as being on the same side of the admittedly uneven fence as the government.

Mainstream or not, Misuari's loyalists pose a national security threat. Well-meaning Muslim leaders now recommend defusing the breakaway bomb by calling on the man who inspired the lighting of it.

Misuari is the only man who can stop Malik's group, ex-senator Santanina Rasul said. Bangsa Moro Party chair Firdausi Abbas called on the Arroyo administration to "tap the leadership of Chairman Nur Misuari" to put an end to the fighting. Amerol Ambiong of the Metro Manila Muslim Peace and Order Coordinating Council also agreed that the solution lay with the leader known simply to many Muslims as "the Old Man."

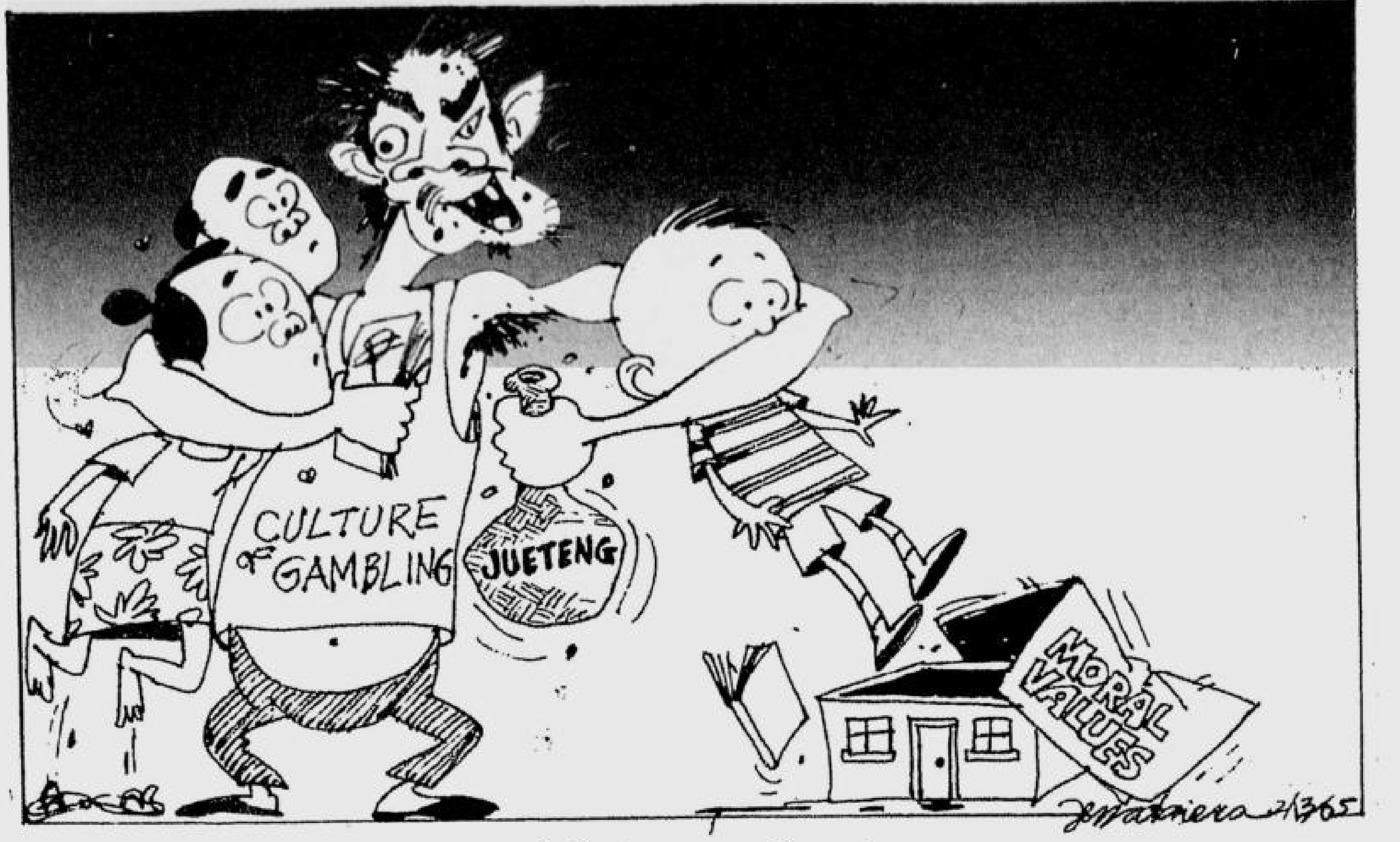
"Nur Misuari should be talked to so he could negotiate with his own people in order to stop the conflict," Ambiong said.

It is true that Misuari has a responsibility to talk to his people, to tell them to stand down. A hundred lives were lost in 2001, when in a self-indulgent fit, he inspired MNLF regulars still loyal to him to take arms yet again against the government, simply because he couldn't remain in office as governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. He has the responsibility to stop the shedding of even more blood.

It is also true—as one of Misuari's former commanders, Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin, said last week—that a military solution is not enough; by itself, it cannot reach all the way down to the roots of the conflict. The grievances of the breakaway group include charges of unfair treatment of Misuari, detained since 2002 on charges of rebellion.

But we cannot agree with the assumption that, because his loyalists are in the thick of the battle, the solution lies in his hands. He is certainly a factor. But the actions of the renegades have changed the nature of the problem, in the very same way that the uprising in 2001 and Misuari's subsequent flight to Malaysia changed the nature of his relationship to the government that he was once a part of.

An armed insurrection must be subdued, otherwise the lack of government action may prove fatal. The other elements of a comprehensive solution will come into play only after the security threat has been contained. We call on the AFP—now that government troops have the breakaway group on the run—to stop the offensive. The time has come to call on the renegades to lay down their arms—with or without Misuari.



Imelda's exultation

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I WAS outraged to read in this paper's issue of Feb. 7 about how Imelda Marcos "exulted" over the holding of the US district court of appeals that it had no jurisdiction over the decision of our Supreme Court recognizing the $684 million transferred by the Swiss government to an escrow account with the PNB as forfeited to the Philippine Republic for failure of the Marcos family to prove its lawful acquisition.

Imelda was elated over the failure of the 9,500 human rights victims whose claims for damages against the villains of the martial law regime headed by Ferdinand Marcos were dismissed by the American court. Against the factual findings in the Honolulu district court that originally heard their complaint, and the massive evidence of their maltreatment in this country, the other half of the conjugal dictatorship again protested their immaculate innocence and expressed satisfaction over the claimants' frustration.

Saying that she was "almost speechless" when she read of the appeals court decision over the radio, she was nevertheless able to say that "we did not even pinch (*kinurot*) a human rights claimant." "Pinch" is right as an understatement; there is an over-abundance of the tortures and murders and other heinous crimes committed during that blighted period that only Imelda and her ilk will refuse to remember. (Even Chief Justice Pedro L. Yap and Justice Abraham F. Sarmiento of the reorganized Supreme Court had sons who simply disappeared never to be seen again.)

A sincere showing of remorse and an honest effort to repair the wrong done is the decent way for reparation and forgiveness, but some people never pray the Act of Contrition. Some tyrants would rather commit suicide without confession as Hitler did or be executed by the people they have oppressed like Mussolini and Romania's Ceausescu. Imelda has no similar sentiments of penitence or apology because she believes she has nothing to regret. This is obvious from the way she has been behaving notwithstanding the unlamented death of her husband and the downfall of their disgraceful reign.

There is a Supreme Court decision holding her and her family liable for a tax deficiency of more than P23.5 billion that has yet to be fully enforced. The BIR reportedly cannot find enough property belonging to the Marcoses to satisfy the judgment. The extravagant Imelda, who acquired 3,000 pairs of shoes during her heyday with she says her own private funds, cannot afford to pay her just debts now. The merry widow can continue to attend glittering affairs with her affluent friends, but she herself, with her scintillating jewelry and lavish gowns, is a pauper.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has reserved part of the forfeited fund for the payment of the human rights claimants and Congress is preparing to enact a special appropriation for the purpose. The amount shall be taken from the fund originally intended for the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law. The size of the fund has yet to be determined, but the more important question, in my opinion is, Who should pay the human rights claimants?

Their suit, as I understand it, was filed against Ferdinand Marcos and not the Republic of the Philippines. He was sued in his private capacity and could not be held liable in his official capacity as he had acted without lawful authority. He was a usurper, an intruder. His liability to the claimants was personal and could not be transferred to the legitimate government of the Republic of the Philippines. As the successor to the failed de facto government, the Republic cannot be responsible for the purely political and unlawful acts of its lawless predecessor.

The theory, I suppose, is that the forfeited fund was stolen by Marcos and so should be used to compensate the victims he had oppressed. This means that it will be the Republic which is assuming the liability that should be satisfied by the Marcos heirs. In effect, it is we the people who are being called upon to pay damages to the claimants Marcos and his gang have injured although we had no hand in their abuses. We are the innocent people who contributed and are expected to pay billions of pesos in damages for the iniquities of the past regime.

The other alternative appears as ineffectual as the enforcement of the Marcos P23.5 billion tax deficiency; this has substantially failed so far because of the inability of the government to locate garnishable properties of the debtors who are pleading penury. The Arroyo administration and Congress have probably accepted that feeble excuse and have agreed to pick up the tab in behalf of the human rights claimants who have nowhere else to go for the alleviation of their plight.

There are other questions to be resolved, among them the proof of the individual claimants' particular injury and its monetary value, the agency that should examine such claims, the apportionment of the fund to be appropriated among the more than 9,500 victims recognized by the Honolulu court, and—not the least significant—the existence of other properties illegally acquired by the Marcoses that can be held to answer for their sins. The search for this immense and unlawful wealth should continue unabated as one of the major but so far thwarted mandates of Edsa 1.

Flee and pray

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about an overweight wife (on a very strict diet) seen eating a calorie-loaded chocolate cake when her husband got home. When asked for an explanation, she said: "I was driving by this bakery and I saw this delicious cake by the window. God knows how I prayed to be delivered from temptation; but I also asked Him that if He really wanted me to have one piece, to let me find a parking space right in front of the bakery, and sure enough, on my ninth time around the block, there it was!"

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 4, 1-11), Jesus was tempted by the devil persistently, but Jesus was firm, clear and outright in His rejection. "Just say no." This is the best formula for overcoming temptations. The problem with us is that we give an inch. And once we do that, once we give a little opening, most likely, we will fall. We know that, and we even pray to the Lord to lead us not into temptation, and yet we lead ourselves into temptation.

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Our novice master once advised us how to fight temptation with just two words: FLEE AND PRAY! Flee because it is better to be a coward than to be a hero when it comes to dealing with this enemy. Pray because it is the only way to be shielded from the assaults of the enemy. "Pray that when you have the courage, you will not have the opportunity, and when you have the opportunity, you will not have the courage to sin."

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Our newspapers are loaded with stories of corrupt people who gave in and even sought out temptations. They knew it was wrong, and yet they did it, perhaps with the thought that no one would know it, and that in this country, they could, after all, get away with it. And you know what? They do get away with it. They continue to steal from the poorest of the poor, amass ill-gotten wealth, and have the gall to face our people calling themselves public servants. I still have to see a public servant who became poorer in this country. A timely Lenten reminder is that you can't get away with it: You are dust, to dust you will return.

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Conscience is the voice of God within us. If we look at what's happening around us these days, one can't help but say "What's that again?" It seems that the voice of God is hardly audible these days. Is anybody listening? Never mind "them." How about you? Do you still listen to God's voice within you? D. L. Moody put it beautifully: "Unless we have within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us."

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Many of us are good shoppers. We shun that which is fake and costly. A good advise is to put the tag "FAKE" and "COSTLY" to any temptation that comes our way. The devil is a genius in ensnaring us into giving in to deceitful, fleeting pleasures, the effects of which on our character, on our relationships, even on our health and peace of mind, and yes, also on our souls, are very costly and long lasting. When tempted, just ask the question "Is it worth it?" What is a moment compared to a lifetime to eternity?

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Tomorrow we celebrate Valentine's Day to remind us that we have hearts that feel and love. The temptation is always there to deny or belittle the heart and matters of the heart, all in the name of practicality and pragmatism. May the Lord deliver us from the sin of being heartless. And also from the sin of losing heart in the midst of many problems, disappointments, deprivations and heartaches. Take a close look at your relationships today. How many of these are presentable to God? How many of these need maintaining? How many of these need mending? And how many of these need ending?

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Today is Migrants' Sunday. Brave are they who dare and leave their comfort zones and venture into distant shores. Migrants remind us that we have no permanent home on this earth. We are all pilgrims, traveling on borrowed time. That being the case, let us pray to be delivered from the temptation of being too attached to our worldly wealth and worldly affiliations that make us indifferent or uncaring to other people who are "different" from us. We are all migrants. We are all servants.

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Think about it: Time spent on a negative feeling, any negative feeling, is wasted time. No matter how right or how valid, we are not obliged to entertain negative feelings.

When negative feelings come, just flee and pray.

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I read somewhere that the average person speaks 30,000 words a day! (Some, maybe more!) There is always the temptation to talk too much, to keep rewinding and to keep right on talking. My suggestion is 50 percent. If only you cut down 50 percent of what you usually (and often unnecessarily) say, you'll have more peace, and the people around you will have more peace. Try it. It works.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, teach me to flee and pray whenever temptation comes my way. Amen.

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REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

JUST a few hundred meters behind the Manila Cathedral is a monument of black marble dedicated to all the innocent victims of war.

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the over 100,000 men, women, children and infants killed in Manila during its battle of liberation Feb. 3 - March 3, 1945.

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During the Japanese occupation, my father Modesto Farolan worked as board secretary of the Madrigal-owned Jai-Alai corporation. However, for him and Don Vicente Madrigal, it was not all Jai-Alai business. They found time to get involved in Red Cross work to a point that the Japanese secret police (Kempeitai) became wary of their humanitarian activities. They were secretly passing on copies of shortwave broadcasts from the United States to friends in the underground. After a while, Japanese suspicions led to the arrest of several people connected with the Jai-Alai office. To spare him from possible arrest and interrogation at Fort Santiago, President Jose P. Laurel appointed my father governor of his home province, Ilocos Norte. Our whole family then moved to Laoag and later to Sarrat, staying with relatives up to the end of the war.

In early 1945, my father returned to Manila to serve as general manager of the Philippine National Red Cross. It was here that he underwent one of the most harrowing experiences in life as he came face-to-face with death at the hands of Japanese marines bent on killing every human being in their line of sight.

On the morning of Feb. 6, 1945, a Tuesday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that "Manila had fallen." Operational plans for a great victory parade into the city led by the commander himself, had been sent out. What MacArthur's announcement actually meant was that elements of the lst Cavalry Division had entered the city and quickly captured Malacañang Palace and the Sto. Tomas concentration camp where thousands of American and European civilians were being held. The awful truth was that most of the city was firmly in the hands of Japanese naval forces under the command of Rear Admiral Sanji Iwabuchi.

Before the end of the month, more than 100,000 non-combatants would perish in one of the most brutal episodes in the history of Asia and the Pacific.

In the afternoon of Feb. 10, my father was at his desk at the PNRC offices on Isaac Peral (now UN Avenue) when Japanese marines with fixed bayonets burst into the building. A volunteer surgeon, Dr. German de Venecia, who was preparing two patients for surgery, was shot twice and died instantly. The two patients were bayoneted to death. The attending nurses were also attacked, but they survived the bayonet thrusts. On hearing the first shots, my father dove under his desk. A marine fired two shots at him; fortunately both missed their target. The attacker then turned on Mrs. Juan P. Juan, her daughter and a 10-day-old granddaughter. All three died. Believing he had accounted for everyone in the room, the marine left. This procedure was repeated throughout the building, room by room. My father would later testify, "From where we were, we could hear the victims in their death agony, the shrill cries of children and the sobs of dying mothers and girls."

In other places in the city, particularly in Malate and Intramuros, the Japanese forces went on a similar rampage. Two thousand men, women and children of all nationalities were assembled at Plaza Ferguson. The men and boys were taken to the Manila Hotel; the females aged 15 to 22 were separated from the older women. Of this group, 25 were taken to the Bay View Hotel (fronting the present US Embassy). Others were dispersed among several apartments close to the combat areas to service marines about to do battle with the liberating forces. The favored victims were whites and *mestizas*.

Groups of marines roamed through the residential areas, picking out institutions and buildings swollen with refugees. Entering the buildings, they shot and bayoneted those inside, then set the place on fire, shooting those who attempted to escape. They seemed to derive pleasure from attacking civilians in air-raid shelters with hand grenades. Massacres continued in schools, hospitals and convents—San Juan de Dios, Santa Rosa College, Manila Cathedral, Paco Church, St. Paul's convent and St. Vincent de Paul Church on San Marcelino Street. The sickening narratives of the atrocities and bestialities of Japanese troops can be found in two books which detail what happened during those fateful days:

"By Sword and Fire, the Destruction of Manila" by Alfonso J. Aluit, and "The Battle for Manila" by Richard Connaughton, John Pimlott and Duncan Anderson.

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A National Historical Institute marker, close to the Memorare monument, says that those who died in the liberation battle "were mainly victims of heinous acts perpetrated by the Japanese Imperial forces and the heavy artillery barrage of American forces." Estimates suggest that for every six Filipinos murdered by the Japs, four were killed in the attempt to liberate Manila. The noted writer, Carmen Guerrero Nakpil put it this way: "Those who had survived Japanese hate did not survive American love. Both were equally deadly, the latter more so because it was sought and longed for."

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The greatest irony of it all is that, 60 years after, the Philippine Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo had to fly to Japan to beg for a moratorium on the implementation of stricter immigration rules covering our women entertainers. After a dinner with his counterpart, he returned home empty-handed.

Lovers and fathers

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

FILIPINOS are indeed great lovers. But as our birth rate shows, we can be deemed guilty of—as the saying goes—loving not wisely but too well.

I was a guest a few days ago in a taping of "Homeboy," a new show on ABS-CBN that tries to liven up the daytime TV scene with talk on matters both topical and exciting. And you couldn't get any more exciting than the topic up for discussion—teenage sex and young fatherhood.

The main guests in that episode were three young men—in their late teens and early 20s—who became fathers at fairly young ages: around 14 or 15, a time of life when, to quote the host of the show, Boy Abunda, "I was still playing *piko* in Samar." Joining the young men was Jigo Garcia who, in the late 1980s, was a fairly big teen star until he lost his innocence—or at least his innocence in the eyes of his young fans—when he got his girlfriend Jean Garcia pregnant.

Gasps were heard from the studio audience when the three first revealed how young they were when they became fathers. Two of them admitted their premature fatherhood was an accident, unplanned and at first unwanted. One insisted he and his partner had "planned" their parenthood, simply because they wanted the "experience." It soon became clear, though, that while he and his girlfriend had planned the sex part, the pregnancy and parenthood part was unforeseen.

This goes along with most surveys conducted over the years on adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the Philippines. A growing number of young people (but not yet the majority, it must be clear) are becoming sexually active at younger ages. But they're exploring their sexuality and satisfying their curiosity with little preparation or consciousness of the need for protection, it seems. And the actions of the older generation aren't helping them any.

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MAYNARD, one of the three young fathers, mentioned that he and his partner were so dismayed by her pregnancy—especially because he had not yet finished his studies and held no job (he is still unemployed today)—that at first they attempted to abort the baby. This they did by having the young mother drink Cortal (a local brand of aspirin) with Sprite (a soda).

Aspirin and soda have no known abortifacient qualities, but the "recipe" is frequently mentioned—spread mainly through word-of-mouth—as a means of ending pregnancy. My guess is that the acidic combination can induce such violent stomach spasms that people surmise it cannot but end in an abortion (even if the fetus lodges in the uterus, not the stomach). Like many others, Maynard and his partner found the concoction did not work and thus decided "to accept the inevitable."

Maynard's story, I told the TV audience, simply illustrates the appalling lack of sex education in our schools and homes, with parents living in denial about their children's sexuality; and our schools and churches content with plying the young with moralistic admonitions on abstinence and dire predictions about pregnancy and STDs, if not burning in hell for all time.

With the adults around them so reluctant to provide information, where do young people go for sex education? Studies show that adolescents rely mostly on friends and the *barkada* for the "facts of life." The trouble is that these "facts" are often not factual, as the "Cortal and Sprite" recipe proves, while peer pressure can often drive young men and women into behaviors that are risky and harmful.

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ANOTHER young father mentioned that one of the factors that pushed him to early sex was the desire to prove his friends wrong. "They were teasing me about being gay," explained the young man, who has a slight build and fine features. And so in the attempt to prove his manhood, he found himself a father in his early teens.

The other fathers traced the wrong turn their lives had taken to their home situations, including separated and absentee parents. "I was looking for someone who would listen to me and would always be on my side," confessed Maynard.

Unfortunately, in their search for emotional validation and belonging, the young men and their partners ended up not only derailing their dreams, but ensnaring others in the trap as well, including the truly innocent like their children.

The "*batang ama*" may now say it was "love" or "romance" that led them down the path of fatherhood. But their situation today is far from romantic, and when one's days and nights are spent worrying about where to find money to buy food, milk, diapers and other necessities, romance will fly out of the window, sooner than later.

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THE TROUBLE with romance and adolescent sex, I said on the show, is that too many young people believe that it's "romantic" to become a "victim" of love—or lust—while condemning contraception as just too coldhearted, proving that one had planned or prepared for sex.

But why can't the situation be turned on its head? Why can't we promote the use of contraception and protection as in fact the most romantic thing lovers can do, proving that while you may be carried away by the magic of the moment, ensuring the welfare and future of your partner remains important?

Filipino men have a reputation, deserved or not, of being thoughtful and skillful lovers. And indeed, few men can hold their own against a Pinoy bent on romantic and sexual conquest. The true test of prowess, however, comes after the pursuit comes to an end. A good lover is a lover who plans and prepares for the future and looks after those he claims to love. Loving wisely is not that big a deal and need not get in the way of romance.

A sociology of love

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IT is perhaps symbolic of the perennial tension between the natural forces of life and the attempts to regulate life in the world that a day set aside for erotic love should be named after a Christian saint. The coincidence is not exceptional. Many holidays in the Christian calendar have pagan origins. Sometimes the pagan aspects outlive the religious meanings, as in the case of February 14, which, since 1969, is no longer marked as a feast day in honor of St. Valentine.

The martyred priest, whose name has become synonymous with love, is supposed to have lived in the time of Claudius II. For refusing to renounce his faith, Valentine was jailed and executed on Feb. 14 in the year 270 AD. He was accused of secretly marrying Christian couples, thus making them unsuitable for war. The story goes that in prison, he befriended and healed the blind daughter of his jailer. And on the day of his execution, he sent her a farewell note, signed "your Valentine."

Valentine's affections were hardly erotic, and this was precisely the point. The Church sought to substitute brotherly love for sexual love. In those times, the 15th of February was celebrated as the day of the goddess Februata Juno, when young men and women were paired as couples through the mechanism of a love lottery. The names of the women were drawn by the men on Feb. 14. It is obvious that naming the day after a saint did not succeed in masking the orgiastic origins of Valentine's Day.

Max Weber, the brilliant German sociologist, called sexual love "the greatest irrational force of life." He expected the erotic sphere to resist and survive the growing rationalization of everyday life. For him there is no way anyone can institutionalize love.

Of love, he writes: "This boundless giving of oneself is as radical as possible in its opposition to all functionality, rationality, and generality....The lover realizes himself to be rooted in the kernel of the truly living, which is eternally inaccessible to any rational endeavor. He knows himself to be freed from the cold skeleton hands of rational orders, just as completely as from the banality of everyday routine." Weber thought of love as a creative elemental force that, in the modern world, might serve as our last link "with the natural fountain of all life."

Society has tried to regulate this creative force through the institution of marriage, whose own origins lay in the need for economic security for the wife and inheritance for the children. In the modern period, this led to the equation of love with marriage. Couples marry for love, and so when love is gone, they think the right thing to do is to dissolve the marriage. This, no doubt, accounts for the crisis of modern marriages. Couples could hang on to nothing else but the promise of love's passions. From the standpoint of society's needs, nothing could be more foolish than to anchor an institution on a fickle and elusive force as love, says Nietzsche. This crazy philosopher's radical insights were developed and woven by Max Weber into his own modern sociology.

While preparing for a lecture on postmodern love and intimacy, I stumbled upon Nietzsche's thoughts on marriage and family and was surprised to learn how much Weber drew from him. These two German thinkers were interested in the fate of social institutions under the impact of modernity. Modernity rationalizes means and ends, and introduces consistency in the practice of everyday life; but it also tends to dissolve everything it touches.

"Witness modern marriage," Nietzsche writes. "Modern marriage has patently lost all its rationality: and yet this is no objection to marriage, rather to modernity. The rationality of marriage lay in the sole legal responsibility of the husband: this is what gave marriage its center of gravity; whereas nowadays it has a limp on both legs. The rationality of marriage lay in the principle of its indissolubility; this gave it an accent which, set against the contingencies of feeling, passion, and the moment, could make itself heard. Likewise it lay in the responsibility of families for the choice of husband and wife. The increasing indulgence shown towards love-matches has practically eliminated the basis for marriage, the thing which makes it an institution in the first place. An institution can never be founded on an idiosyncrasy; marriage, as I have already said, can *not* be founded on love.... Marriage as an institution already encompasses the affirmation of the greatest, most enduring organizational form: if society itself cannot guarantee itself as a whole unto the most distant generations, then there is no sense in marriage at all."

It is never easy to agree with Nietzsche's typically contrarian views, and I certainly warn against accepting them uncritically. They go against what we normally understand to be the ethos of freedom, which is at the core of the modern spirit. But the dilemmas he poses cannot be ignored. His discussion of love and marriage in the modern age is provocative. Institutions are the tools that link generations to one another, he says. Their survival cannot be made to depend on the accidents of fleeting sentiments.

I do not think Nietzsche was arguing against love. Though he himself remained unmarried for the rest of his life, he had a profound respect for marriage. I think in his view it was wrong to have used marriage to tame love. Lucky are those who can keep love and marriage under the same roof, but because it is an intrinsically irrational force, love will always defy institutions. Prince Charles knows that only too well by now.

Happy Valentine's to my wife Karina and to all incurable lovers!

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Tax on vanity

COMMENTARY

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THE SPONSOR of the bill that seeks to impose a 20-percent tax on the sale of non-essential services (defined as "services undertaken for aesthetic purposes, such as, cosmetic surgeries and body enhancement services") has no reason to worry that his proposal will invite mass actions.

This revenue measure is not expected to go the way of the plan to increase the value-added tax to 12 percent, which prompted cause-oriented groups to take to the streets in protest. Due to widespread opposition, the proposed VAT adjustment faces rough sailing in the Senate.

It is doubtful if the men and women who think they need hair transplant, breast enhancement, liposuction and other similar operations will come out in the open to oppose the proposal that would make those activities more expensive.

While cosmetic surgery may have gained wide acceptance in our country, it remains a topic that its recipients generally prefer to talk about in the privacy of clinics or within the family circle. They will "deny to death" their going under the knife—if only to conceal the effects of age and diet on their bodies.

Of course, the confidentiality rule does not apply to movie personalities and social figures who think public disclosure of their resort to medical means to improve their physical features will enhance their popularity. If they could have their way, they probably would even want their operation to be covered on live television.

It is apparent that cosmetic surgery is no longer confined to women or members of the third sex who are not satisfied with the bodies they were born with; the mania has already spread to so-called straight men.

According to a survey conducted by a local cosmetics company, the amount of money spent by Filipino males for aesthetic services in recent years was almost at par to that of their female counterparts.

Psychological lift

Understandably, the owners of cosmetic clinics who are raking it in from the boom in "body repair" are opposed to the bill that will make their services more expensive for their target market.

A husband-and-wife team of cosmetic surgeons testified during a congressional hearing last week that their work should be classified as essential rather than an exercise of vanity.

They quoted excerpts from a book of Dr. Sigmund Freud, the founder of the science of psychoanalysis, supposedly saying that when feelings of inferiority of some people can be reduced by means of medical devices, those remedial measures are considered indispensable.

To dispel the impression that their branch of medicine (assuming it can be properly classified as such) caters only to the wealthy, they said, "the celebrities were just a fraction of the men and women we cater to."

That was the same line used by another cosmetic surgeon who figured in the news late last year when she sued an aging movie actress for libel for questioning her expertise. The surgeon claimed that the bulk of her patients are ordinary office workers who regularly set aside a portion of their salary to pay the cost for improving certain parts of their bodies.

For obvious reasons, none of these beauty experts offered to lower their fees to make their services affordable to patients who, if their patronizing statements are to be believed, need cosmetic surgery as a matter of necessity and not of vanity.

Reality

Come to think of it, what's so delicate, health-wise, about receding hairlines, small breasts or cellulite-laden legs that their operation deserves special treatment by way of tax exemption? Thanks to slick advertising, the people who avail of cosmetic surgery have been led to believe that their lives will be miserable if they do not modify certain parts of their bodies.

The doctors who specialize in this field have evolved into "merchants of discontent." They have perfected the art of creating strong feelings of insecurity or inferiority among men and women who, under ordinary circumstances, would have been content with the physical features that God has given them.

In this age, when instant gratification has become a norm of conduct, going under the knife to quickly remove unwanted fat or to enhance certain body parts, instead of going through the more healthy way of exercising or watching one's diet, has attracted more than its fair share of believers. There is truth in the dictum that a sucker is born every minute.

The sad part of it is, vanity feeds on itself. After one part of the patient's body is redone, he or she is persuaded to have the other parts undergo a similar treatment in order to make the transformation into a more beautiful or handsome person complete.

The brainwashing is made more effective by so-called reality TV shows that feature "ugly ducklings" who have become beautiful through makeovers that entailed extensive (and, of course, very expensive) surgical operations. The only thing, so far, that these exercises have not done is to add some inches to the vertically challenged or short people.

Affordability

The proposed tax on aesthetic services may be likened to the road user's tax imposed on owners of motor vehicles; it is based on the financial capacity of the taxpayer.

Thus, the heavier or more expensive the vehicle is, the higher is the tax. If a car owner can afford to part with a million pesos or more to enjoy the thrill of driving an SUV, or any of the latest car models, then he has no reason to complain if he is required to pay more than those who have to content themselves with cheaper brands.

A person who has the resources to fork over, for example, P100,000 or more, to have the extra fat in his beer belly removed or her breasts enlarged, cannot plead poverty to excuse the payment of the 20-percent tax on that cosmetic operation. The inability to undergo aesthetic reconditioning for financial reasons will not lead to death or serious illness.

Besides, for people who enjoy looking at themselves in the mirror every day to savor the wonderful effects of medical science on their bodies, the tax is a small price to pay for the ego trip. Vanity, after all, does not come cheap. Whims and caprices have their corresponding financial burdens.

As Congress deliberates on the tax on non-essential services, it would be a good idea for the Bureau of Internal Revenue to conduct a lifestyle check on cosmetic surgeons to make sure they're paying the right taxes on their lucrative business.

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Should BIR investigate doctors?

DOCTORS at the top five private hospitals in the country are in the crosshairs of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), which is under tremendous pressure to collect more taxes because of the government's fiscal problems.

The hospitals are the Makati Medical Center, St. Luke's Medical Center, Capitol Medical Center, Cardinal Santos Medical Center and Medical City—all in Metro Manila.

The BIR announced on Feb. 8 that it would conduct lifestyle checks on members of the medical profession because its study had found a high level of tax delinquency among doctors. The bureau examined the income tax returns for 2003 of 605 doctors from the five hospitals.

A BIR official said many doctors were not issuing receipts and were not keeping books of account.

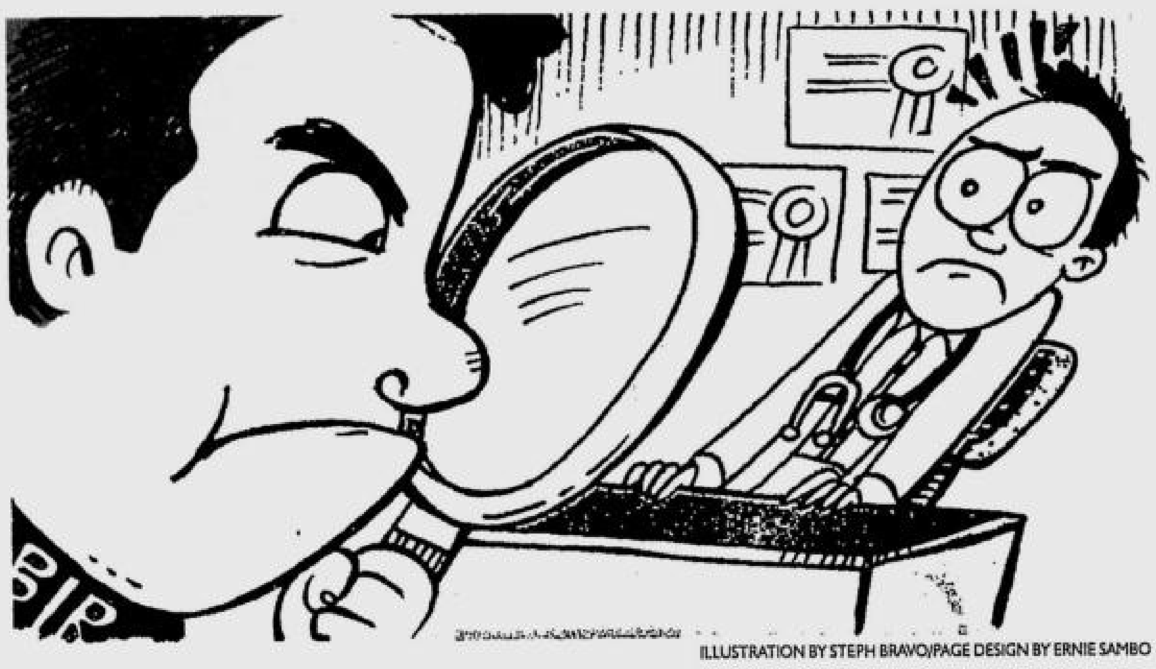
How will the BIR conduct the lifestyle check? The bureau said it would look into the vehicles owned by the doctors, their real estate, their trips abroad and the schools where their children study.

The next targets of the BIR are the lawyers, accountants and actors.

This early, some doctors are crying foul, saying that the lifestyle check will be the fatal blow to the medical profession already suffering from a dwindling number of practitioners.

Because of poor prospects in the country, thousands of doctors are taking up nursing so they can find better-paying work in industrialized countries. A number of nurses, who are doctors, have in fact left the country.

Some doctors favor a lifestyle check, saying one need not fear it if he or she has nothing to hide.



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Lifestyle check will taint medical profession

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As a young child, I remember distinctly that whenever my father, who was a general surgeon, walked around town, he was regarded with respect and reverence. One could easily observe other men treating my Papa with deference and this was clearly due to his stature as a physician.

One Sunday morning at church, a man came up to our family holding an X-ray plate of his hand, which showed a bullet lodged between the metacarpals. He boasted that my father had operated on him on New Year's Eve and that he was forever grateful. You could imagine just how proud I felt that day.

Those were the days when the community held doctors in high esteem as the practice of medicine is the noblest of professions. It was for this reason, among others, that I was inspired to become a doctor. Sadly, it seems that this regard for the physician in Philippine society nowadays is slowly being replaced with a sense of general negativity.

Terrible blows

In the past decade, we have witnessed the terrible blows the medical field has received, causing it to lose some of its attractiveness and prestige as a profession among the youth.

These blows include the economic slump, the increase in demand for nurses abroad with its concomitant higher pay that prompt doctors to shift to nursing, the mass exodus of health-care workers and professionals to industrialized countries, the medical malpractice bill, value-added tax, etc.

As a result, the number of enrollees at medical schools in the country is at a record low.

It has been written about on several occasions that if this perilous trend were to continue without applying the necessary remedies, our country would soon be facing a major health crisis too horrific to contemplate in a matter of three to five years.

The latest Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) proposal to conduct a lifestyle check on doctors will, I feel, ultimately deliver the fatal blow to the medical profession. This move will taint the profession with utter suspicion and abject derision.

The young today need inspiration in seeking their occupational calling or vocation. In spite of their noblest intentions, idealism and aspirations if they discern nothing but intrigue and unnecessary hardship in becoming a doctor, they will opt for the easy way out. The results are already in our midst.

Focus on big business

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It is a sad fact that there is massive migration of medical doctors (from general practitioners to specialists) abroad due to factors such as the country's economic situation, better pay overseas and the medical malpractice bill.

Sadder still is that many more are switching to nursing as a ticket to leave the country.

Saddest of all is that enrollment in medical colleges is palpably dwindling. Applicants to residency training programs are almost nil.

Add the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) lifestyle check to this and we will see the collapse of the health-care system in the Philippines. Because soon there will be no more doctors. Out of three sisters and a brother, who are all doctors, I am the only one who has opted to stay in the country.

Why the focus on doctors? With the present economic crisis, we have not been spared. Even in the "top" hospitals, far too many patients are unable to pay the bills, and whatever funds there are, the MDs are always the last to get their fees. Not that we really mind, but that is the reality.

It may be a waste of manpower and resources to hunt down all delinquent doctors just to add a few thousand pesos to the BIR collection. While it's true that there are those who earn millions, they are definitely not the majority. It might be more cost-efficient to focus on big businesses and really collect from them.

It will also certainly help if we are able to see where are taxes are going (more infrastructure, better education, health care, social security) and hear less about corruption in government. Then maybe the professionals and others belonging to the middle class will gladly, not grudgingly, pay their taxes.

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It's long overdue

By Sen. Juan Flavier

The Bureau of Internal Revenue should conduct lifestyle checks on private doctors considering that there are a lot of tax misdeclarations.

I have no proof, but I can tell you that if you're a patient, before I charge you I will first ask if you want a receipt or not, and if you say you want a receipt, then I add 10 or 15 percent to the professional fee.

To me this is not ethical. But how can you prevent these doctors from engaging in corrupt practices when they are not accountable? Some 10 to 20 percent of private doctors are making a killing. They have really high incomes.

They cannot deny that their actual incomes are not reflected by the taxes they pay. That is my basis for saying that a lifestyle check will be useful for the government in establishing whether the lifestyles doctors are maintaining are grossly disproportionate (to what they are declaring).

Accountability

A lifestyle check can serve as a basis for establishing accountability. Although, it may not be the most effective way to counter corruption, it is certainly the most doable, and the easiest to institutionalize.

There are other methods like the more strict application of receipts, but that will be much harder to monitor. Lifestyle checks are easier to implement because you can go to the vehicle registration office, the immigration bureau, and the land registration office to check the doctors' real estate purchases, the cars they buy and the trips they make. These are clear indications of their financial state.

This lifestyle check has been introduced in the past year or so, but only for government officials, and limited to people who have been dubbed "hot"—those who are well-known for patently enriching themselves like the general who is currently on trial. Lifestyle checks are somewhat new in the sense that they are (intended) for private citizens.

Privacy

My "guesstimate" is that there are 8,000 to 10,000 private doctors practicing all over the country. There will be a lot of legal complaints about invasion of privacy. But the BIR is mandated by law to fight corruption within public offices.

This is very time-consuming, and so the first problem is how many investigators we can get, and how widespread the investigation can be. But this is also long overdue, especially considering the perception that the Philippines is now No. 2 in the world for having a corrupt government.

(Flavier, a former health secretary, is the Senate Pro Tempore.)

Declared income of doctors at the country's top five private hospitals (2003)

Gross income (in Pesos)	Makati Medical Center		Medical City		St. Luke's Medical Center		Cardinal Santos Medical Center		Capitol Medical Center	
	Number of doctors	Percent	Number of doctors	Percent	Number of doctors	Percent	Number of doctors	Percent	Number of doctors	Percent
Over 10 million	1	0.39	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Over 5 million to 10 million	1	0.39	2	1.29	2	2.86	1	4.00	0	0.00
Over 1 million to 5 million	52	20.71	63	40.65	22	31.43	9	36.00	30	28.85
Over 500,000 to 1 million	35	13.94	45	29.03	14	20.00	2	8.00	40	38.46
Over 100,000 to 500,000	116	46.21	42	27.10	26	37.14	11	44.00	30	28.85
Over 50,000 to 100,000	23	9.16	1	0.64	3	4.29	0	0.00	3	2.88
Below 50,000	23	9.16	2	1.29	3	4.29	2	8.00	1	0.96

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Many doctors don't issue receipts

By Lilia Guillermo
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The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) was prompted to conduct lifestyle checks on doctors after our study found a high level of tax delinquency among them.

Since it is common knowledge that doctors, especially those from the country's high-end hospitals, earn a lot more than ordinary-salaried employees do, the government should be collecting more taxes from them.

But many high-earning doctors have not been carrying the proper tax burden, which salaried individuals are forced to bear every time taxes are withheld from their salaries.

Many doctors don't issue receipts and don't even have books of account. Many concerned taxpayers, particularly patients, have sent to the BIR their complaints against doctors who ask for very high consultation fees but do not issue receipts. Bombarded by complaints, it is just proper for the BIR to act.

Tax liabilities of a self-employed can be determined from the gross income declared in his or her income tax return (ITR). But the problem arises when taxpayers do not issue receipts, and therefore the incomes reflected in their ITRs are under-declared.

Top five hospitals

The BIR study is a strong basis for assuming that many doctors under-declare their income. In our study, we used as samples the 2003 ITRs of 605 doctors from five of the country's top hospitals in Metro Manila—Capitol Medical Center (104 doctors), Cardinal Santos Medical Center (25), St. Luke's Medical Center (70), Medical City (155), and Makati Medical Center (251). *See Table.*

According to the study, 37 percent of these doctors declared that their incomes for the whole of 2003 fell within the P100,000-to-P500,000 bracket. If taken as it is, the data meant that these doctors, who can afford to pay rent in the high-end hospitals, were only earning incomes the same as those of ordinary-salaried employees.

Less than 20 percent claimed that they earn between P50,000 and P100,000.

Further, the study found that 22.5 percent of the doctors declared that their incomes in 2003 fell between P500,000 and P1 million. Twenty-nine percent said their incomes were between P1 million and P5 million, and only about one percent said they were earning between P5 million and P10 million.

Focusing on Makati Medical Center, the study found that among its 251 doctors, 46.21 percent declared that their incomes in 2003 were within the range of P100,000 to P500,000.

The study also showed that 18 percent of the doctors from Makati Medical Center declared that their incomes in 2003 were P100,000 and below.

Only 1 doctor (0.39 percent of the total) claimed to have earned more than P10 million, while another doctor declared that his income was between P5 million and P10 million. A total of 20.71 percent said their incomes were between P1 million and P5 million, and 13.94 percent said their incomes were between P500,000 and P1 million.

e-Raffle

The BIR also discovered tax delinquency among doctors through its e-Raffle promo. The promo, which was conducted last year, encouraged taxpayers to send through text messaging the serial numbers of and the amounts on the receipts they got when they purchased goods and services. Winners from the electronic raffle were given prices.

In one case, a patient texted the serial numbers of four receipts to the BIR. The receipts showed that the four transactions of the patient with his doctor cost him P657,980. But this doctor, as reflected in his 2003 ITR, only paid P788 worth of value-added tax (VAT) and P3,254 worth of income tax.

If that doctor could earn a gross income of more than P600,000 from only four transactions, then his VAT and income tax liabilities should be much bigger than what he declared.

Since doctors belong to the so-called hard-to-tax sectors (whose taxes are not automatically withheld by employers, and whose tax payments' accuracy is difficult to determine), the BIR has to find a way to address the glaring tax delinquency among them. One way to do it is to determine their assets and their net worth through investigation.

Vehicles, trips abroad

A lifestyle check can be done through tie-ups with other government agencies such as the Land Transportation Office, Bureau of Immigration, and the Registry of Deeds. We would like to determine how many vehicles they own, the travels they made, the schools they send their children to, and the real estate they own.

By having an estimate of their net worth, the BIR can make a good assumption of their real tax liabilities. From there, we can go after them and require them to pay what is due the government.

In response to comments that we may be singling out doctors, we want to stress that after the medical practitioners, the BIR will work on determining the real tax liabilities of other professionals like lawyers and accountants as well as actors and actresses.

There are also comments that the BIR will be violating the law or will be invading people's privacy when it does lifestyle checks. But, for the public's information, the BIR is empowered by the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) to employ measures to determine the real tax liabilities of people belonging to the hard-to-tax sectors.

Predictive auditing

The NIRC authorizes the BIR to employ the method of "predictive auditing" on these sectors. Under the principle of predictive auditing, the BIR shall have an estimate of one's real tax liability using third-party data.

Tax delinquent doctors and other professionals as well as tax-evading companies have long been scot-free because the BIR had no proper tools to detect them. Now that the BIR has the appropriate technology, which has been developed over the years, the revenue agency can go full swing in its efforts to crackdown on tax evaders.

It is the duty of citizens of this country to pay taxes. The government, which now suffers from a serious fiscal problem, more than ever, needs the cooperation of the public.

Illegal logging continues in typhoon-ravaged Aurora

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Illegal logging activities are continuing in Casiguran, Aurora, amid the total log ban ordered in that province by Environment Secretary Michael Defensor following the killer landslides in November and December last year.

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FORESTERS intercept narra flitches at a checkpoint in Aritao, Nueva Ecija.

Luisito Pontigon, Casiguran community environment and natural resources officer, said at least four incidents of timber poaching have been monitored since Feb. 1.

The haul has reached more than 6,000 board feet of Philippine mahogany, he said.

On Thursday, nearly 4,000 board feet of the same wood species were recovered, Pontigon told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

He said residents continued the cutting of trees as the logging firms Industries Development Corp., Pateco, Toplite Lumber and community-based forestry management contracts suspended operations.

Pontigon said forestry guards were verifying reports that the logs came from Isabela and were due for delivery to woodcarving enterprises in Ifugao through a bus company regularly plying the northern towns.

Casiguran, located east of Quirino and Isabela, is along the route leading to Nueva Vizcaya where there is a route to Ifugao.

Pontigon said his office also has its hands full urging farmers not to open new areas for *kaingin* (slash-and-burn farming).

Casiguran Mayor Jeremias Esteves could not be reached for comment on Friday. His secretary said Esteves was in Barangay Bianuan where mobile phone services are not available.

In other parts of Central Luzon, the log ban is also ignored.

In late January, forest rangers and Army soldiers reported seizing 15,000 board feet of red Lawaan lumber, valued at P600,000, within the National Power Corp. area in the uplands of Doña Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan, south of Aurora.

These were found abandoned in Sitio Sapang Bato in Barangay Sapang Bulak.

The arresting team, which included Napocor watchmen, failed to determine the owner of the lumber.

Because the area was within the remote Mt. Bato of the Sierra Madre mountain range and the route to the site was difficult, the cargo was burned where it was found.

These were considered "hot lumber" since these were obtained within the watershed area that supplies water to the Angat Dam, also in Bulacan.

Soldiers also arrested six men who were cutting trees in Barangay Calaocan in Dipaculao, Aurora.

In the Cordillera, the police and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources seized about 1,500 board feet of narra flitches in Alfonso Lista, Ifugao, last week.

The illegal lumber, worth about P50,000 and loaded into a dump truck, was reportedly owned by a former official of Mt. Province. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk, with a report from Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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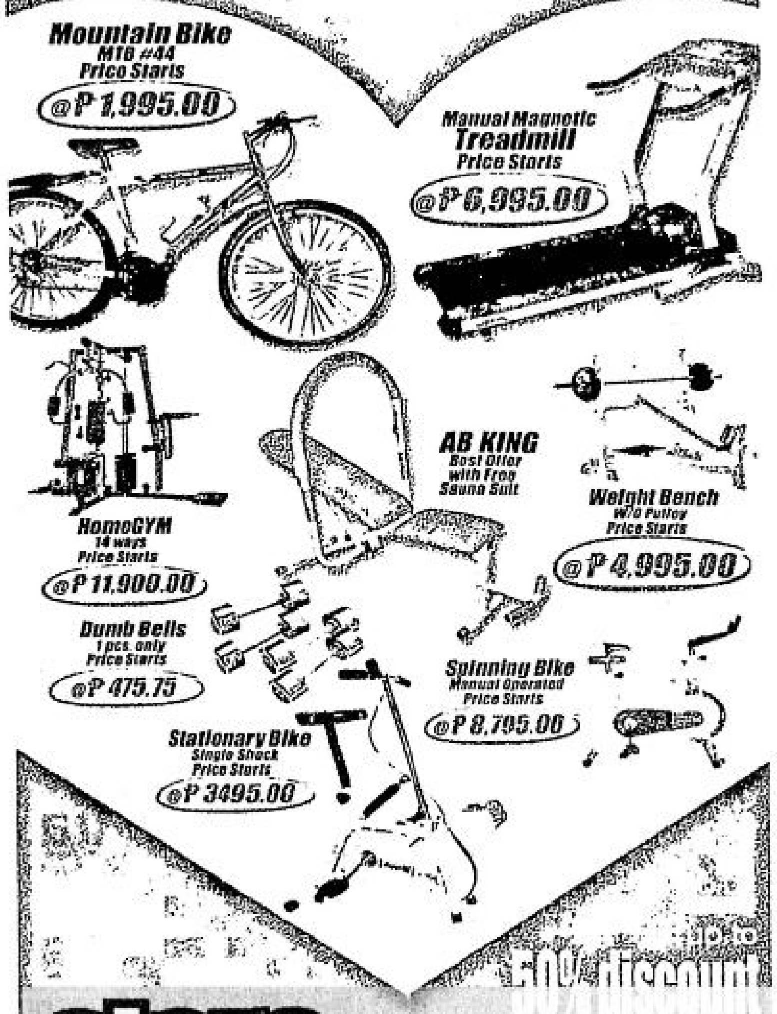
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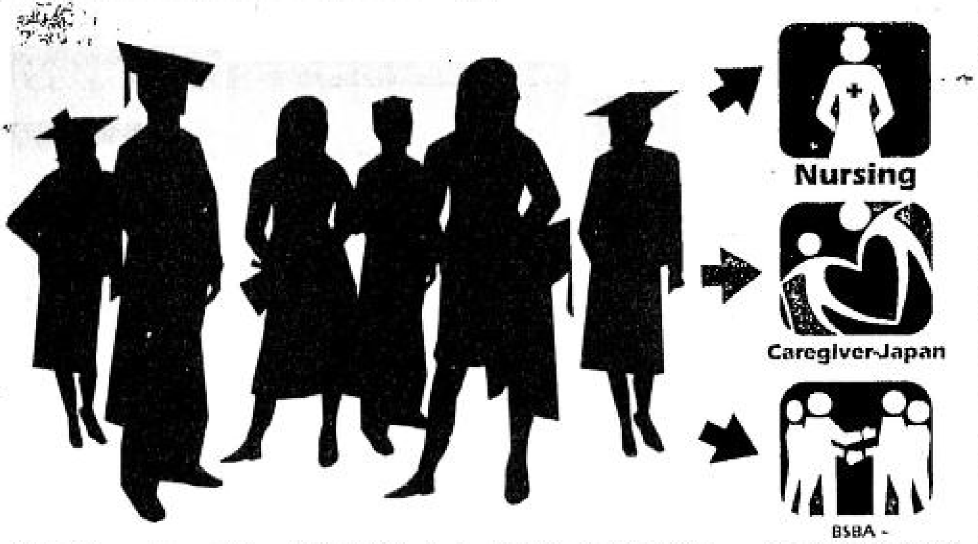
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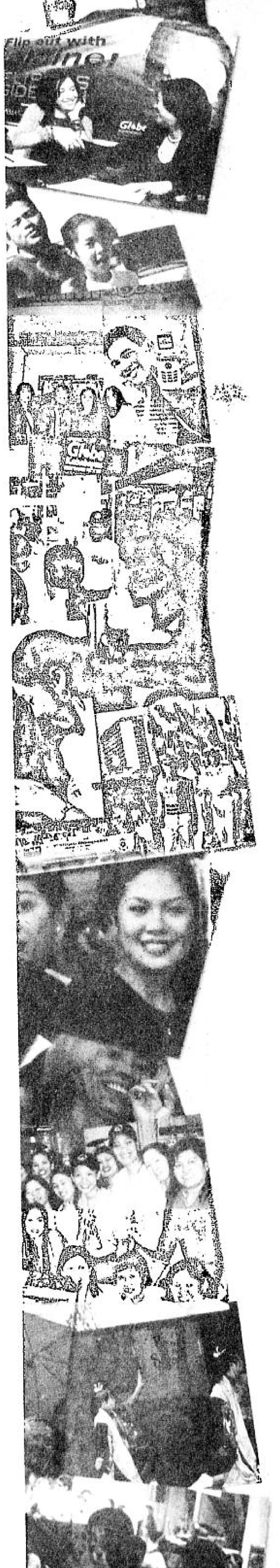

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para sa bawat Pilipino, dito man o abroad

Kung dati-rati'y kailangan pang maghintay ng tawag mula sa abroad, ngayon ay kasing-dali na lamang ng pagte-text ang kumustuhan ng mga magkakapamilya. Talagang malaki na ang ipinagbago ng mobile phone technology na naging dahilan ng paglalapit ng mga Pilipino sa buong mundo kahit na malayo sila sa isa't isa.

At dahil alam ng Globe kung gaano kahalaga ang bawat bagong innovation sa buhay ng mga Pilipino, walang patid ang pagsisikap nito sa pagbibigay ng mga pinakabago at relevant na serbisyo. Kaya para sa inyo at sa mga kababayan nating nasa abroad, narito na ang *Globe Kababayan*.

Para Magbigay-Saya

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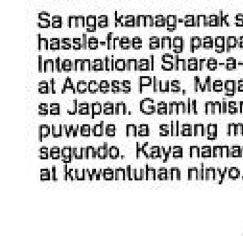
Isa sa mga pinakamahirap na bahagi ng pagtatrabaho sa ibang bansa ay ang mapalayo sa mga mahal sa buhay. Kaya naman para sa mga kababayan nating OFWs, talagang mahalaga ang pagkakaroon ng regular interaction sa kani-kanilang mga kinabibilangang Pinoy communities.

Alam ito ng *Globe Kababayan* kaya simula pa noong 2004, nakibahagi na ito sa mga Pinoy gatherings sa iba't ibang bahagi ng mundo. Kabilang na rito ang Philippine Association in Hong Kong's (PAHK) Independence Ball and Charity Show noong June at ang Filipino Overseas Workers' Association in Singapore (FOWS) Sportsfest noong September. Dagdag pa riyan ang ABS-CBN *Global Fiesta* sa US, Italy at Hong Kong, ang Philippine Family Day sa Tokyo, Japan, ang *Kumustuhan* 2004 Concert Series sa Vienna, Austria, Amsterdam, Netherlands, London, United Kingdom at Rome, Italy at pati na rin ang mahigit sa 20 pang events na inorganisa ng sari-saring Pinoy communities worldwide.

Para sa Walang Patid na Kwentuhan

Pero siyempre, kahit pa nababawasan ang homesickness kapag sila'y nalilibang, iba pa rin kapag kayo mismo ang nakakasalamuha nila. Wala pa ring tatalo sa init ng pagmamahal ng mga kapamilya. Kaya isa sa mga unang handog ng *Globe Kababayan* sa OFWs at sa kanilang mga pamilya ay ang International Reloading Services.



Ang mga serbisyong tulad ng Globe Call and Text cards, AutoloadMAX at Share-a-Load na dati-rati'y dito lang sa Pilipinas matatagpuan, ngayon ay available na sa iba't ibang parte ng mundo! Puwede na ngayong mabili ang prepaid cards sa Filipino retail stores, remittance centers, travel agencies at cargo companies sa Asia, Europe at North America. Kailangan lamang nilang i-scratch ang card at ipadala ang PIN sa inyo para makapag-reload kayo.

Kung gusto naman nilang mas padaliin ang pag-lo-load, may International AutoloadMAX din ang *Globe Kababayan*. Sa service na ito, kasing-dali lang ng pagpunta sa popular retail centers abroad ang pag-send ng load sa Globe Prepaid at Touch Mobile phones ninyo. No need to scratch cards! Sasabihin lang nila ang denomination na gustong ipadala, at sa loob ng ilang segundo, matatanggap na ninyo ang load at ang personal text message mula sa kanila. Available na ang AutoloadMAX sa Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, US, Saipan, Guam, Canada at very soon sa marami pang bansa.

Sa mga kamag-anak sa Japan o Hong Kong, lalong naging hassle-free ang pagpapadala nila ng load sa inyo through International Share-a-Load with SmarTone sa Hong Kong at Access Plus, Megaspeed o CMM rechargeable cards sa Japan. Gamit mismo ang mobile phones nila abroad, puwede na silang mag-send ng load sa inyo sa ilang segundo. Kaya naman siguradong tuloy-tuloy ang balitaan at kuwentuhan ninyo.

Para Masigurado ang Pinaghirapan

At ngayon, para matulungan kayong siguraduhing hindi masasayang ang kanilang pinaghirapan, handog ng *Globe Kababayan* ang dalawang International Remittance services. Kung noon ay napakatagal matanggap ang mga remittance mula abroad, ngayon may mga bagong options na kayo mula sa *Globe Kababayan*.

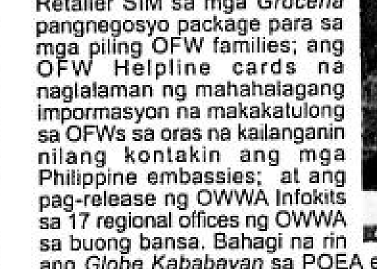
Isa dito ang G-Cash International Remittance via Text – ang pinakabagong innovative M-commerce service mula sa Globe -- kung saan maaari na silang magpadala ng pera via text sa pamamagitan lang ng pagpunta sa mga G-Cash partners sa Hong Kong, Singapore, UK at US. Ang G-Cash na natanggap ninyo sa inyong Globe Handyphone o Touch Mobile, ay maaring ipa-encash sa more than 1,000 local cash-out agents nationwide. Puwede rin ito ipambili ng goods sa mga dumarami nitong partner establishments tulad ng Mercury Drug, National Bookstore at iba pa o kaya i-share ang G-Cash sa iba pang mga Globe Handyphone o Touch Mobile subscribers.

At dahil hindi tumitigil ang *Globe Kababayan* sa pagpapadali ng inyong mga buhay, isa pang option ang handog nito sa inyo – ang Quick Remit & Load card! Through this all-in-one service, kailangan lang bumili ng card na ito ang mga kamag-anak natin sa abroad at gamit ang kanilang existing foreign mobile phones o Globe phones on roaming, makapagpapadala sila ng G-Cash remittance at P150 prepaid credits nang sabay diretso sa Globe Prepaid o Touch Mobile phone ninyo dito sa Pilipinas. Imagine, isang text lang, may G-Cash at load na kayo mula sa kanila! At may kasamang personalized text message pa!

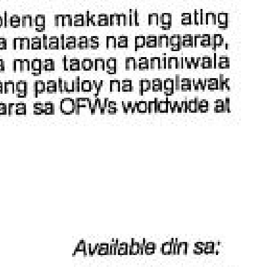
Para Maging Kasama sa Bawat Hakbang ng OFW at Kapamilya

Talagang tuloy-tuloy lang ang paglaki at pagdami ng mga handog ng *Globe Kababayan*. Kaya ngayon ay lubusan nang inilulunsad ang mga efforts nito pati na dito sa Pilipinas. Ito ay para matulungan hindi lamang ang mga OFWs abroad, kundi upang lalong matugunan ang mga pangangailangan ng kanilang mga kapamilya dito sa Pilipinas.

Kabilang sa aming sinalihan ay ang ilang major events tulad ng Migrant's Day, ang Seafarer's Day at ang Pamilyang OFW Foundation Expo and Congress na sadyang ginawa para sa mga kapamilya ng OFW dito sa Pilipinas.



At upang lalong ipakita ang pagsuporta nito, nakilahok din ang *Globe Kababayan* sa mga TV programs tulad ng new business tips sa *Hanapbuhay Overseas* at ang *Biyaheng Langit* ng RPN 9, kung saan nag-provide ng libreng tawag ang *Globe Kababayan* para sa mga kapamilya ng OFWs nationwide. Marami rin ang nakinabang sa business and savings advice mula sa Globe Kababayan at *Overseas Pinoy TV* ng ABC 5. At sa *Wish Ko Lang* ng GMA 7 noong December, nakiisa rin ang *Globe Kababayan* sa mga iba't ibang kwento ng OFWs sa Japan at Italy.



Nariyan din ang partnerships ng *Globe Kababayan* with relevant government agencies upang masigurado na kaagapay nito ang OFW bago pa man ito umalis ng bansa. Kasama ang *Globe Kababayan* sa DOLE Independence Day event noong June 2004 kung saan nagkaroon ng iba't ibang activities kabilang na ang job fair na ginanap sa Luneta. Bahagi rin ang *Globe Kababayan* sa ilang proyekto ng OWWA tulad ng *Groceria* Project kung saan isinama ang Globe AutoloadMAX Retailer SIM sa mga *Groceria* pangnegosyo package para sa mga piling OFW families; ang OFW Helpline cards na naglalaman ng mahahalagang impormasyon na makakatulong sa OFWs sa oras na kailanganin nilang kontakin ang mga Philippine embassies; at ang pag-release ng OWWA Infokits sa 17 regional offices ng OWWA sa buong bansa. Bahagi na rin ang *Globe Kababayan* sa POEA e-Registration project kung saan matutulungang maghanap ng trabaho online ang ating mga kababayan.

Para Hindi Kailanman Malayo sa Kanila

Ngayon, talagang napakadali nang manatiling konektado sa inyong mga mahal sa buhay sa tulong ng *Globe Kababayan*. Para malaman ang iba pang importanteng impormasyon dito, i-text lang ang "**KABABAYAN**" to **2279** o mag-log-in sa **www.globekababayan.com.ph**.

Naniniwala ang Globe na posibleng makamit ng ating mga kababayan ang kanilang mga matataas na pangarap, kung mayroong suporta mula sa mga taong naniniwala sa kanila. Kaya naman asahan ang patuloy na paglawak ng *Globe Kababayan* services para sa OFWs worldwide at sa kanilang kapamilya.

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DENR tells steel firm to shape up or be shut

CALAMBA CITY—The regional director of the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has ordered a temporary stop to the operations of the machinery of a steel company in Cavite and gave the firm another chance to install anti-pollution devices.

In an order dated Feb. 8, Luciano Hornilla, acting EMB regional director, said the order came after a hearing at the EMB office in Manila.

Hornilla's order also asked the Sonic Steel Industries Inc. (SSII) to pay P160,000 in penalties.

In a statement, Bienvenido Dulce Jr., vice president of SSII, said representatives from the EMB inspected the firm's GI sheet factory in Barangay Hugo Perez in Trece Martirez City and agreed to process the company's application for temporary permits.

"We can only test the anti-pollution facilities fully if we resume operations," he said.

Trece Martirez Mayor Melencio de Sagun Jr. welcomed the EMB inspectors and assured the environment department that he will personally see to it that Sonic's operations will not harm the environment.

Dulce said the firm recently finished the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility and the repair of its scrubbers, the equipment that ensures clean emissions from its chimneys. It is also investing heavily to insulate its machines to reduce noise from its operations, he said.

"Sonic Steel is not a polluter and we are doing everything to make sure that our operations will benefit the people of Cavite," he said.

"I hope the DENR would take note of our efforts to comply with its orders," Dulce said in a mobile phone interview.

Sonic's 300 employees, most of them from Cavite, cheered the DENR representatives when they visited the factory last Friday.

In a mobile phone interview with the INQUIRER, Hornilla said the SSII may still go on with the delivery and packaging of its finished products and continue other administrative functions.

"I did not order a full closure of the plant. I only ordered a suspension on the operations of the plant's machines . . .," he said. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Power companies told: Prepare for dry spell

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Department of Energy (DoE) urged power companies in Mindanao to adopt contingency measures to cushion the projected impact of the El Niño phenomenon on the island's power supply.

The dry spell is now being felt in most areas of Mindanao, raising fears that it would soon affect the water level of the island's hydropower sources.

The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said its rainfall analysis showed that most parts of Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Norte are now experiencing below normal conditions for the past four months.

Bukidnon hosts the Pulangui hydropower plant.

Energy Undersecretary Cyril del Callar said during Friday's Power 101 seminar here that the government has already drafted contingency plans to ensure a continuous supply of electricity in Mindanao during the critical months of March to December this year.

Del Callar said the DoE has also directed the National Power Corp. (Napocor) to beef up its capacity by transferring its power barges from Cebu to Mindanao.

The first unit, a 32-megawatt power barge, is expected to be operational in April while another 32-mw power barge will be transferred here in June. *Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Hundred Islands to host Valentine mass wedding

ONE hundred couples will get married in a mass wedding on Valentine's Day as part of the Alaminos City government's promotion of the Hundred Islands.

The couples, from different barangays in Alaminos City, will be wed in a mass civil wedding to be officiated by the city's mayor, Hernani Braganza.

The mass wedding, said Braganza in a press statement, is part of the city's program to "recapture the magic of the Hundred Islands by infusing a sense of spirituality and romance into the place."

"It is also a practical move as many of the city's residents could not afford an expensive wedding," he said.

He said a mass wedding on Valentine's Day, without much expense, "is a perfect chance for cash-poor residents to legitimize their union and for those already married to renew their vows."

Rosario and Roberto Sunga of Barangay Bisocol, one of the oldest couples to be wed on Monday, said one of their wishes was to renew their vows on their 40th year of union.

"We would like to request Speaker Jose de Venecia to be our wedding godfather," Braganza quoted the couple as saying.

Many of the couples have been living together for several years without the blessings of a marriage.

DELAYED PROJECT

Subic-Clark road to start finally

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—After more than a year of delay, the construction of the P27.5-billion Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway will start in March, said Francisco Licuanan II, presidential adviser for the Subic-Clark growth corridor program.

Interviewed after meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo here on Saturday, Licuanan said his office and the Bases Conversion Development Authority had submitted the contract for the project's Clark-Tarlac phase to the lender, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and to the government's corporate counsel.

"We expect approval shortly," he said.

The JBIC, he said, would receive the contract for the Subic-Clark phase by next week.

Licuanan said he expected no major hitches in the next months.

The delays have been largely due to procedural matters, he said.

Recently, BCDA clarified it was to shoulder all taxes resulting from the 94-km road project.

In a separate interview, BCDA Chair Narciso Abaya said his agency had "already come to terms as far as the contentious issues in the contract [were concerned]."

He said these involved the schedule on the increase of prices of materials and on the cap on the percentage of Japanese materials and services that would be involved in the project.

"These terms are in the JBIC loan. As much as possible we are negotiating with them so that we can get the best terms for the Philippine government," Abaya said.

He said the final stages of negotiations were being held with the two Japanese contractors and these would be concluded by next week.

Antonio Rex Chan, BCDA vice president, said the contractor for the first phase is the joint venture of the Kajima, Obayashi, JFE Engineering and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. He said the second phase would be built by the Hazama, Taisei and Nippon Steel joint venture.

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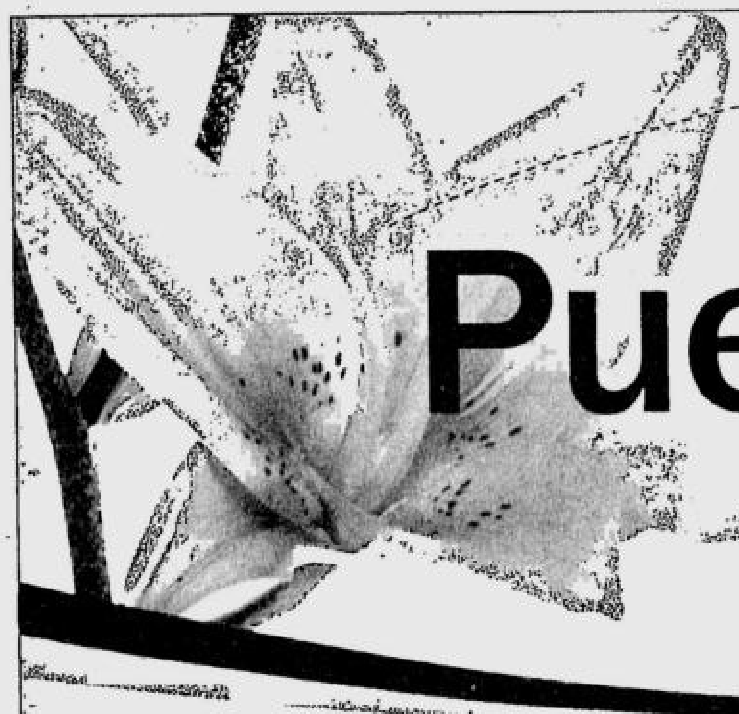

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Selling the City Hall for a price of history

By Grace Cantal-Albasin
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THE PLAN to sell Cagayan de Oro's City Hall for P800 million has created a stir among people advocating the preservation of the city's heritage, as well as some residents. But the local administration has downplayed their outbursts as mere political propaganda of the opposition.

"The truth is I am sad that my political rivals have gone attacking me politically and personally, but I don't mind. My intent is for the common good and at the end of the day, it is the people's will that prevails," Mayor Vicente Emano said in an interview over a radio station.

Emano has repeatedly aired his desire to sell City Hall to raise funds for the construction of a new city government complex to house all division offices in a 17-hectare property in Upper Dagong, Barangay Carmen.

The city dump would be relocated from the proposed site to Barangay Pagalungan.

Emano created a committee to study and make recommendations on two projects: the transfer of City Hall and the installation of a sanitary landfill facility in pursuit of the Clean Air Act of 1999 and the city's solid waste management program.

Among other measures, the committee recommended that all the city government properties be disposed of, except the Executive House which would be transformed into the city's Historical Museum and Library.

Casa Real

The City Hall stands on where Spanish Governor General Jose Sta. Romana built the Casa Real in 1831. In that place, the Aguinaldo revolutionary government was first proclaimed in Misamis province on Jan. 10, 1899, and the tricolor flag was first raised.

When his first term as mayor began in 1999, Emano appropriated funds to install the historical marker at the City Hall to mark the centenary of the proclamation of the Aguinaldo government in Misamis province, thus making it officially a historical site, the History Conservation Advocate (HCA) cited.

The marker is in the Executive House.

But Paulita Roa, a member of the research team of the city's Historical and Cultural Commission, refuted the claim of the HCA and insisted that the Casa Real was somewhere in the quadrangle of the Executive House.

Roa, who also acts as spokesperson of the commission, said her team would recommend that the City Hall Relocation Committee convert the Executive House into a historical museum and library.

"All these depend on Mayor Emano. If he decides to sell the Executive House, what can we do?" she said.

The Casa Real was demolished after the 1910s. Then, the Municipia War, the old City Hall, was temporarily housed in Divisoria (now the site of the Philippine Veterans Bank) until 1940.

Emano has claimed that the seat of Casa Real was in Divisoria, not the Executive House. He said the National Historical Institute (NHI) did not include the City Hall as one of the National Heritage Sites in Cagayan de Oro.

He said the NHI declared only four such sites in the city—Gaston Park fronting the City Hall, the Makahambus Hill, the Agusan Hill and the Casa del Igua of the Sia Family.

"I am not against creating a new city government center. *Dugay ra unta!* (That should have been done earlier!) But I am against the sale. It can be converted into a museum. Development and heritage can go together," Antonio Montalvan, a former member of the HCM, said.

Controversial ordinance

The city council passed an ordinance authorizing Emano to initiate measures to underwrite the expenses for the site development and construction of the new City Hall and other office buildings on Jan. 17.

The ordinance drew the ire of the Sangga Kagay-anon, a civil society group advocating good governance, which accused the council of giving Emano blanket authority to deal with huge financial transactions without public consultation.

"The city council has abrogated its right and responsibility to provide the check and balance between the legislative and the executive. This is illegal and runs counter to good governance," Sangga Kagay-anon said.

It said the ordinance showed a pattern of faulty development planning and inadequate feasibility studies which did not respond to the immediate concerns of the residents.

Vice Mayor Michelle Tagarda-Spiers said the council approved an ordinance allowing Emano to initiate the proceedings on the sale of the City Hall but did not give him blanket authority to sell.

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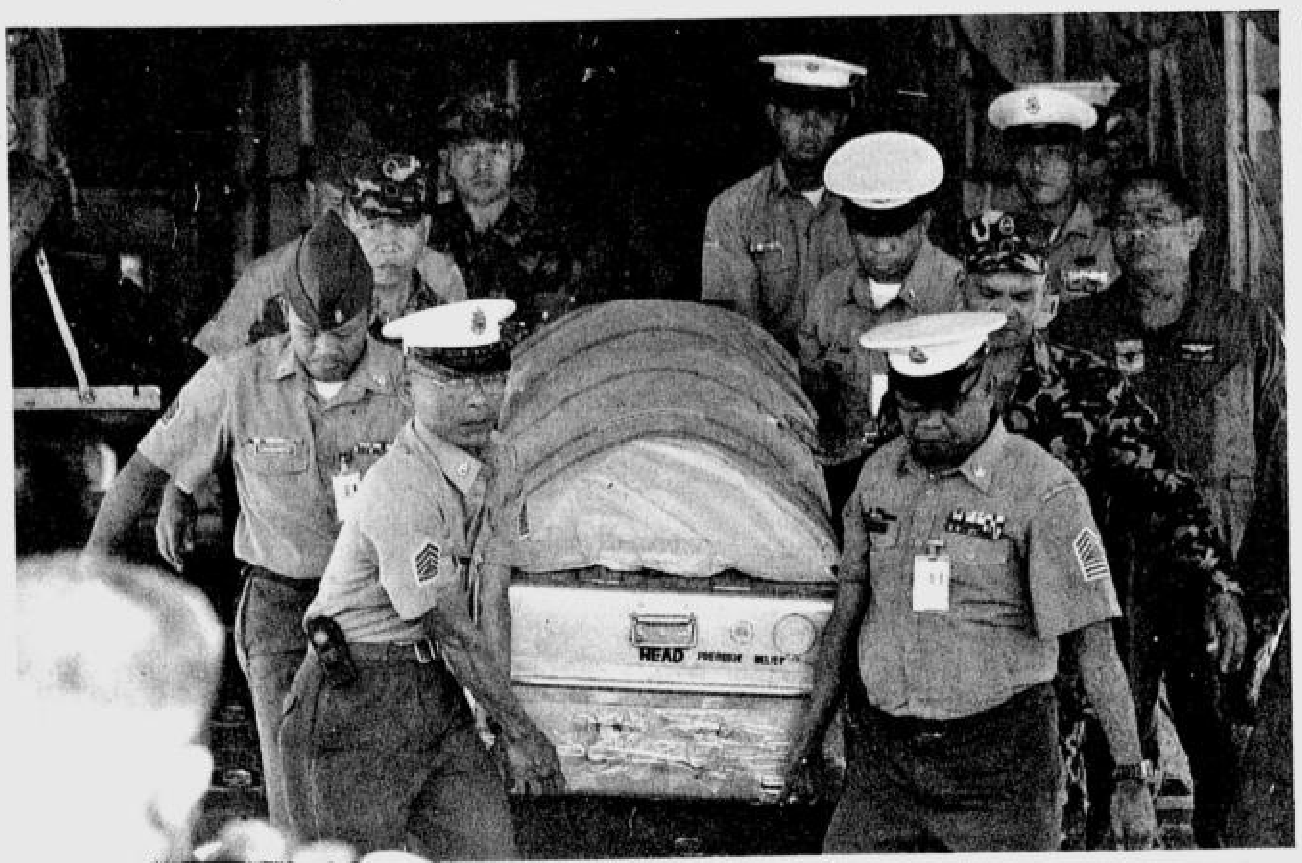

HERE come the brave: The remains of nine Marines killed in the intensified fighting now on its sixth day in Jolo arrive at Villamor Airbase on Saturday. ROGER MARGALLO

Nur's fighters on the run

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told the INQUIRER.

Cerveza said he spoke with an MNLF commander in Sulu on Friday and the guerrilla group vowed to fight it out.

"They are okay [right now]," Cerveza said. "They are surviving. The fact is that they had not been crushed after this time," he said.

US-trained troops

Another MNLF official, Dr. Abdurahman Amin, said: "To them, to surrender is out of the question."

"They are defending their right. Their actions in terms of retaliation were a form of self-defense because of the series of abuses by the military," he said.

The military said it had taken control of the insurgents' stronghold in Barangay Bitanag and soldiers were scouring a 5-km radius for dead or injured rebels.

The military has also thrown a Light Reaction Company trained by US forces in jungle warfare and equipped with night vision goggles into the fight.

No fresh reports of casualty figures from either side were available.

Hospitals under watch

As of Friday, the military said it had killed about 45 MNLF gunmen while suffering 27 fatalities, but there was no body count of the rebel dead.

"We still encounter pockets of resistance but their forces are now gradually degraded," Dema-ala said.

Dema-ala estimated there were about 200 MNLF gunmen left in the area which ground troops were sweeping and that some of them might be wounded.

He said this was the reason the military and the police in Sulu, Basilan and in the Zamboanga peninsula were closely monitoring hospitals and clinics, because some of the rebel group, led by Ustadz Habier Malik, might seek treatment.

Chief Supt. Vidal Querol, Western Area Police Office commander, said they were also watching over villages in the Zamboanga peninsula which are known bailiwicks of Misuari's followers.

Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin warned that fears about the violence escalating would not be farfetched unless the offensive was halted.

Suspicions bolstered

"This might engulf the entire Sulu and might have some spillover effects to other areas," he said.

Ermita said the discovery of Misuari's telephone calls bolstered suspicions that he had something to do with the current Jolo fighting.

"There is that possibility because there are reports coming from members of the (MNLF) Central Committee themselves who are wondering why Misuari was allowed to talk to his commanders," Ermita said, when asked if Misuari had a hand in the clashes.

"They were really baffled and the Philippine National Police, which is guarding Misuari, gave the assurance that they will not give him the chance to talk to his colleagues in Jolo," Ermita said.

Leave fighting to soldiers

Ermita did not say how Misuari was able to obtain a telephone in his detention quarters.

National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales also told the INQUIRER on Friday that the government was looking into any role Misuari might have played in the clashes.

Ermita and Gonzales rejected calls from some Muslim leaders for the government to talk to Misuari to ask him to persuade his followers to stop fighting.

"We leave the fighting in Jolo [to the military], that is a tactical military situation," Ermita said. "But the issue of talking to Misuari—we know that he is in jail and there are some people already talking to him."

Ermita said that, while the clashes in Sulu were "isolated," these might have an effect in other areas because the breakaway group was also persuading other MNLF members to join the renewed rebellion.

Others not joining fray

"But they are not responding," Ermita said.

Ermita said Marawi City Mayor Omar Ali, an MNLF leader in Lanao, sent him a text message saying he was ignoring countering calls from the renegades for him to fight the government.

"That is a positive development," Ermita said.

"And even the MNLF in Basilan, they know me so they have been calling me to say that they are on the side of the government. They are doing something to prevent their forces in their areas [from joining the fighting] so that the fighting will not escalate and spread to other areas," Ermita said.

Nur wants truce?

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said a lawyer claiming to represent Misuari had asked the government for a truce and said that the fighting was not related to Misuari's detention.

Gonzalez identified the lawyer as Urca Ulama.

"I think this must be discussed in the highest level, in the National Security Council. We have to find out the root causes of this," Gonzalez said. *With reports from Ed General, Julie S. Alipala, Jeffrey M. Tupas, Aquiles Z. Zonio, Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Philip Tubeza*

Police beef up security at Nur jail; visitors not allowed

By Marlon Ramos
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CITY OF STA. ROSA—Police have beefed up the security around Fort Sto. Domingo here to make sure that its most prominent "guest"—Moro leader Nur Misuari—stays inside.

Security around the leader of the Moro National Liberation Front has been tightened since fighting out broke out on Jolo Island on Monday amid suspicions by some officials that he might have had a hand in the resurgence of the violence.

Training school

The camp in Laguna also serves as a training school for the elite unit of the Special Action Force of the Philippine National Police.

A camp official who requested anonymity told the INQUIRER that the alert level at the camp was raised to maximum after news came that the rebels were pressuring the government to transfer Misuari from the camp to Sulu.

Close-in security

Another official said they had also augmented the close-in guards around Misuari. "We have also increased the number of armed troops guarding the camp's perimeter fence," the official said.

He refused to comment on reports that Misuari had been transferred to another room at the camp.

The source said ranking officials of the PNP and the Department of National Defense had also ordered them to be stricter with guests visiting Misuari.

No visitors

He said they were not entertaining visitors, even from Misuari's immediate family, without clearance from the Department of Interior and Local Government.

The official, who referred to Misuari as "chairman," said the strict security had prevented even the MNLF founder's wife, Tarhata, from entering the camp on Thursday.

Previously, Tarhata was "free to visit Misuari because she is from his immediate family," said the official.

Tarhata, the youngest of Misuari's wives, previously came for visits three times a week.

On Thursday, she waited for at least six hours before leaving the place with a television crew from GMA 7, the official said.

Lady is furious

"She was really furious at us for not letting her in. But we only followed instructions from our higher-ups," he said.

Colonel's widow rues lack of medical facilities in field

By Alcuin Papa

JOAN BONDOC

AMONG HER SOUVENIRS: Evangeline Villanueva, widow of Lt.Col. Dennis Villanueva, the highest-ranking officer killed in the ongoing fighting in Jolo, breaks down as she goes through her husband's personal effects. The Villanueva wake is at St. Ignatius Chapel in Camp Aguinaldo.

THE WIDOW of Lt. Col. Dennis Villanueva chose her words carefully, not wanting to openly blame anyone, but her message was clear enough: He would not have bled to death if he had immediately received a blood transfusion.

As the slain Army officer lay in a coffin at Camp Aguinaldo yesterday, Evangeline Villanueva told reporters that medical teams did not have blood supplies at the ready when her husband was struck by mortar fire on Jolo Island.

She urged the government to improve the medical facilities for soldiers in the battlefield.

"I hope this happens so no one will suffer the same fate as my husband," she said.

The bemedalled Army battalion commander died of loss of blood after being hit by enemy fire during a clash with Moro guerrillas in Panamao town, Sulu, on Thursday. Two of his men were also killed in the attack.

No chopper

Evangeline also lamented that her husband was not airlifted immediately to the Southern Command hospital in Zamboanga City.

"We saw the video on TV.. He was up and encouraging other wounded soldiers to hold on," she said.

On Friday, Villanueva relayed her views to Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr.

She said Cruz had told her that 50 mobile hospitals would be deployed to the frontlines.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has promised full educational scholarships for Villanueva's three children, the widow said. Ms Arroyo came to Villanueva's wake the other night.

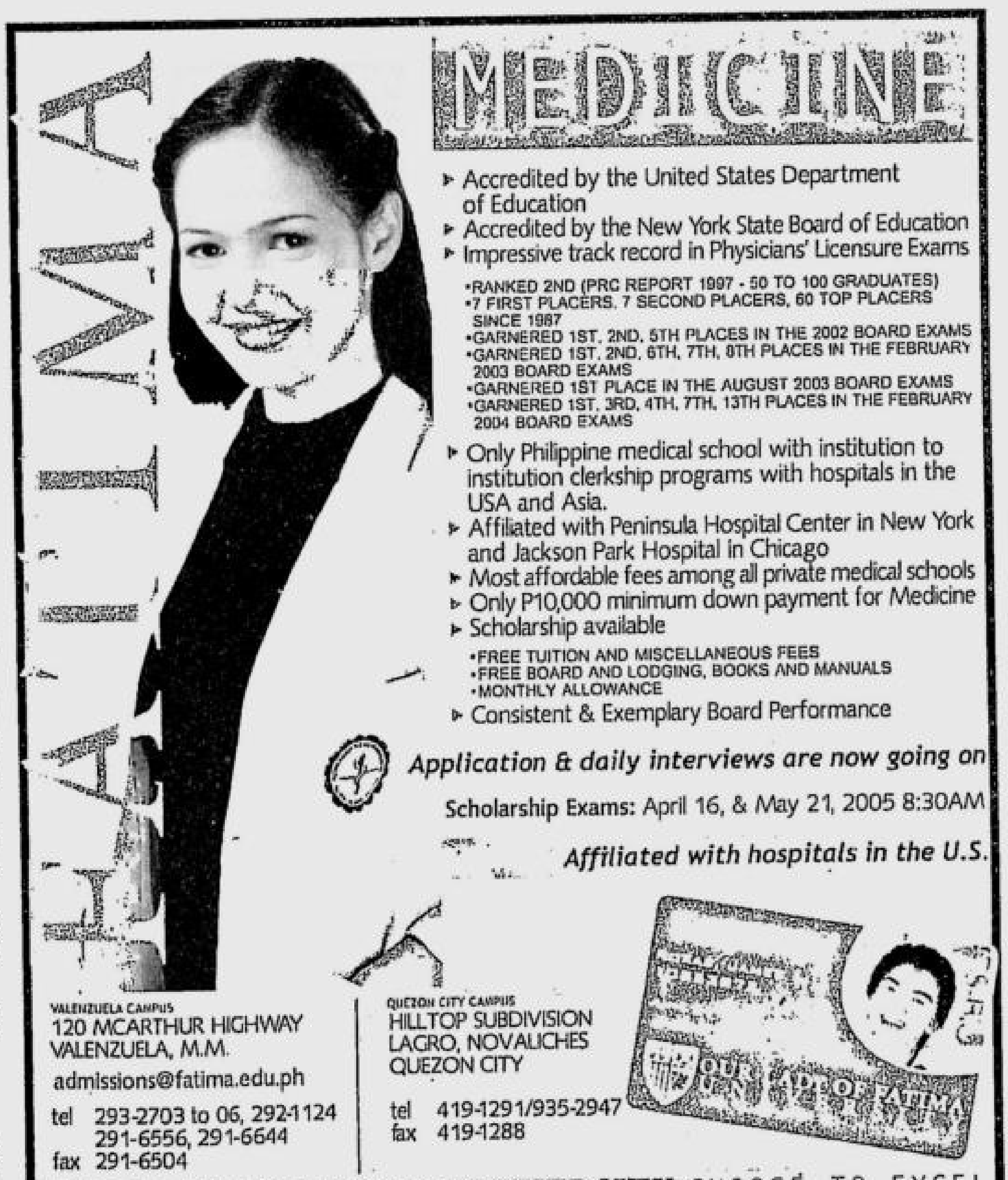
Soldiers from the 53rd Infantry Battalion, which Villanueva had led into battle in Sulu, handed to Evangeline their commander's personal effects which they had retrieved from the battlefield.

Family picture

These included his bloodstained green backpack.

Evangeline, in black, broke into tears as she went through her husband's belongings. They included a family picture.

About 70 combatants have died in the six-day-old fighting with a breakaway faction of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) loyal to Moro leader Nur Misuari.



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Oscar-winning filmmaker to do movie on Cory…

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He announced this during a discussion session on filmmaking at the recently concluded annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The Forum discussed topics which ranged from the global economy and terrorism to science and the arts.

Puttnam had seen a film clip of nuns holding flowers and stopping tanks on Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (more popularly known as Edsa) and said it was an amazing shot.

He did not give details about the possible film project on Ms Aquino, widow of Sen. Benigno S. Aquino Jr., but it could very well focus on the four-day Edsa Revolution that toppled dictator Ferdinand E. Marcos and catapulted the Aquino widow to the presidency in 1986.

At around this time, Puttnam became chair and chief executive officer of Columbia Pictures from 1986 to 1988—the only non-American to have run a Hollywood studio.

He was awarded the CBE (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in 1982, received a Knighthood in 1995 and was made a Life Peer in 1997, taking the title Lord Puttnam of Queensgate.

More recently, he was one of the producers of the critically acclaimed French movie, "A Very Long Engagement."

Puttnam was one of the panel members in the discussion on filmmaking titled "Found in Translation," along with Anant Singh, producer of Videovision Entertainment of South Africa; Richard L. Gelfond, co-chair and co-chief executive officer of Imax Corp., USA, and forum moderator Sanford Climan, president of Entertainment Media Ventures USA.

Puttnam stressed the filmmaker's responsibility to the movie audience. As a long-time film producer, he avoided exploitation films like "Rambo" because he felt they were "morally irresponsible."

Singh, producer of "Cry the Beloved Country," said "point of view" is equally important in telling a story.

He said his movies were among the first to tell stories from an African perspective. In the past, most films about Africa were told from the standpoint of the white man.

Participants also discussed social consciousness in films, producing a movie that's a critical and commercial success, the process of adapting a book to the screen, possibilities and opportunities for filmmakers in the digital age and the kind of movies to show children who are just beginning to discover and experience the medium.

On the latter issue, Singh highly recommended Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton movies. He had introduced a few titles to children and "they loved them!" he said.

Puttnam ended the session by explaining why people make films: " … To prove that we were here."

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Tawi-Tawi makes a dash for the 'frontdoor' to Asean

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ful" province on the southernmost tip of the Philippines deserved more than just being called the "backdoor" of the country.

"We have seaweed farms and a very rich supply of fish. We have electricity, cell sites and a cemented airport. There are no threats of kidnapping," Sahali said.

And, he said, "we are just 40 minutes away from Sandakan (Malaysia)—and some of us even use the Malaysian *ringgit* [as currency]!"

Sahali pointed out that the geographical proximity of Tawi-Tawi to Malaysia should be an advantage for the Philippines, which has established diplomatic, trade and security relations with its neighbors in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

He noted that the "attention" had always been focused on the cities of Davao and General Santos.

"So I talked to [the members of] Business Mindanao, and I told them, 'Please involve us also,'" he said. "We should no longer be the backdoor but the front door to Asean countries."

Neglect

Sahali presented his 2004-2007 executive-legislative agenda before the Pagtabangan BaSulTa (Helping Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi) at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City on Friday.

Pagtabangan BaSulTa is a joint effort of 10 organizations to engage the support of local leaders and multisectoral organizations in developing the three provinces, which are among the poorest in the country.

Sahali said that although Tawi-Tawi had been neglected by the national government, this neglect had not stopped local officials from delivering basic services to the people.

He said that from the monthly Internal Revenue Allotment of P4 million, he had managed to "repair school houses and some bridges, buy medicines for the medical missions, pay for the hospitalization of indigents, and even shoulder the 'blood money' needed to settle disputes among warring families."

"We cannot wait for the [Department of Public Works and Highways] to repair school buildings, or the [Department of Health] to give us medicines," Sahali said.

He said that with the help of Pagtabangan BaSulTa, he was able to identify priority programs, projects and activities that would address critical issues like water, education, livelihood, governance and environmental protection in Tawi-Tawi.

He also said the province was beset with unemployment, low revenue collections, rampant illegal fishing, improper disposal of wastes, and a general lack of schools and competent teachers, of tourism investments and opportunities, of hospital facilities, and of transparency in government.

First step

But identifying the problem was just the first step, the governor said.

He said his executive-legislative agenda was aimed at achieving efficient governance and sustainable economic, social and ecological development with the help of Pagtabangan BaSulTa by 2007.

By then, what was once the backdoor would have been transformed into the front door—or so he hopes.

Convened by Tabang Mindanaw and the Assissi Development Foundation in July 2004, Pagtabangan BaSulTa has for its other member-organizations the AIM-Mirant Center for Bridging Societal Divides, Consuelo Foundation Inc., Local Government Support Program, Peace and Equity Foundation, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Philippine Development Assistance Program Inc., Synergos Institute and World Wildlife Foundation-Philippines.

Sulu Gov. Benjamin Loong had been expected to attend the Friday conference, but the raging armed conflict between the military and a group belonging to the Moro National Liberation Front obliged him to stay put.

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My warmest felicitations to all, as I invite all child health advocates to the 42nd Annual Convention of the Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) with the theme, "Pediatrics: Transcending the Limits of Clinical Practice" on April 24-27, 2005 at the Philippine International Convention Center.

The PPS Annual Convention is always a memorable event, where we have the opportunity to renew old ties and meet new friends, as we gain intellectual enrichment with the fast-paced advances in the field of pediatric medicine. This year, the Organizing Committee, led by Drs. Victor Doctor and Milagros Bautista, the Overall Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, has prepared a comprehensive programme on commonly encountered problems, as well as new provocative topics and hot controversial issues in child health care. The goal is to enable child health care providers to meet with the continuing challenges in making our patients' lives much better, more comfortable and more meaningful for them to develop to their maximum potentials.

We reaffirm our commitment to contribute towards professional excellence of our member pediatricians and others in the medical community who render child health care services and our commitment to the promotion of quality health care and the upliftment of the family and the community, as potent partners of the government in nation building.

Let us all look forward to a most interesting, challenging and intellectually rewarding annual convention.

ESTRELLA B. PAJE-VILLAR, MD
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Welcome to the 42nd Annual Convention of the Philippine Pediatric Society!

Our theme: "Pediatrics: Transcending the Limits of Clinical Practice" calls on our lead role in remoulding moral, social and ethical values for a healthy society for now and the future. We must also direct our practice to moving forward with a rather more rapid pace because of the explosion of new modalities and advancement of medical science. These are the thrusts of our 42nd Annual Convention: improving our clinical practice, playing active roles in social, environmental and ethical issues around us and moving forward with novel and futuristic trends.

Please tag along with your colleagues at the Convention.

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Plenary Sessions
- Every Child Deserves a Medical Home
- Antimicrobials in Developing Countries
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- Genetic Basis of Essential Hypertension and its Significance in the Pediatric Age Group
- FNRI - DOH - PPS Study Results
- Controversies in Pediatric Therapeutics
- Reducing the Burden of HIV, Hepatitis B and Tetanus in the Neonate
- Hemostasis and Thrombosis: What's New?
- Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice and Research
- Syndrome X: Tracing its Roots in Pediatrics
- TB DOTS in Children

Simultaneous Symposia
- The G6PD-Positive Newborn Screen: Is There a Cause for Alarm?
- The Transition Period: After 18....Where Will They Go?
- Video Capture as a Presentation Tool
- Immunization: Vaccine Safety and Recommendations
- Approach to Complementary Feeding During the Weaning Period
- Children in Difficult Situations (OCS, Child Labor, War and Calamities)
- Sneezing, Wheezing, Itching
- Hospital Disaster Management & Hospital Disaster Preparedness
- CNS Tumors
- Special Interventions for Special Children
- Clinical Practice Guidelines:
  - First Simple Febrile Seizure
  - Routine Eye Examination as a Screening Test for Retinoblastoma
  - Chronic Cough in the Pediatric Population
  - Evaluation and Management of Pediatric Community-Acquired Pneumonia
  - Rheumatic Fever/Heart Disease
  - Treatment of UTI in Children in the Philippines

Twilight Symposia
- The Art of History Taking and Physical Examination

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- Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses
- Pediatric/Neonatal Advanced Life Support
- Child Health Informatics Committee

Research Activities
- Annual Research Paper Contest
- Case Report Presentation Contest

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- Eucharistic Celebration
- Opening Ceremonies
- Fellowship Night
- Closing and Awarding Ceremonies
- Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremonies

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- Badminton Tournament

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Cruel guy is proud of name

By Nancy C. Carvajal

HIS NAME may be Cruel but he is one man with a kind heart.

On Monday, Raul B. Cruel, 40, will be cited as a model employee of Muntinlupa City and receive P2,000 for returning a bag that contained close to half a million pesos in cash and checks, a cell phone and important documents.

Cruel will be presented to city employees by Mayor Jaime Fresnedi after the morning flag ceremony.

"He is one employee worth emulating," Fresnedi said.

Apart from earning a living as a tricycle driver, Cruel is also a member of the mayor's security force. He accompanies Fresnedi in the mayor's morning workout.

On Jan. 24, Roberto Amoranto, an employee of Alaska Milk Corp., left his clutch bag in Cruel's tricycle.

Cruel later told the factory guard that Amoranto had left his bag in the tricycle.

Alaska wrote Fresnedi about the honesty of one of his employees.

"(We are) very happy to know that there are still honest people in your ranks," the letter of Alaska said.

Cruel's co-workers at the city's Public Order and Safety Office were no longer surprised to hear of his feat.

"We were not surprised because it was not the first time. He always did (return things left in his tricycle)," said Willy Gomez, the mayor's chief of security.

Gomez said Cruel had two jobs because he has one child in college and another in high school.

"We've always known him to be honest and hardworking," said Gomez, adding that Cruel was also a good provider.

30 couples experience the height of love over Metro

By Irene C. Perez

LOVE is in the air and in style.

While many couples may either be fighting or waiting for whatever little space there is in restaurants and other date places this Valentine's month, 30 couples had the heavens all to themselves—or almost—yesterday afternoon.

Each of the couples experienced 10 minutes of flight over Metro Manila in a helicopter, thanks to cellular phone service provider Globe Telecom.

It was their prize for winning in Globe's "Date in the Sky" promo, the telecom firm's offering for the month known for love.

Starting 3 p.m., the couples were first taken to the rooftop helipad of the Hotel InterContinental in Makati City.

Then, two couples at a time boarded a five-seater helicopter and were flown over Mandaluyong, Marikina and Quezon City, said Grace Diaz of Trapik.com, one of the sponsors of the event.

After the ride, Cristina France, 28, who was with her boyfriend, said, "It was fun, exciting, but *bitin* (too short)."

France has been with her boyfriend for a month and joined the promo only once.

Later, the couples were treated to dinner at the InterCon.

Survivor sees cancer as a gift

By Ressie Alvarez-Bihis

FOR 38 years, my family and I have lived at the second floor of a building my mother owned, across the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Whenever I looked out of my window, I saw Our Lady of Lourdes.

I did not realize how special my home was until, in 1984, I was diagnosed with cancer in my left eye. Doctors said it was a fast-growing cancer and was likely to spread to my right eye, blinding me completely. They said I would be lucky to survive two more months.

My only chance, they said, was surgery but it could only mean survival for a year or two at most. And that time would have be spent undergoing chemotherapy.

A plea

When I first heard the diagnosis, I went to the church across our home. At the foot of the altar, I looked up to the Lady of Lourdes and cried out: "How could you be so cruel? Must you make my two young children motherless and helpless? You are also a mother. Surely, you know how I feel. Please give me a few more years—just let me see my children finish high school, (long) enough for me to see they'll be all right before I go."

My mother called me up and told me she prayed to Our Lady at a quarter before midnight till 1 a.m. And every day at that time, she would phone and we would pray the rosary together.

Often, I would fall asleep halfway and find my rosary in my husband's hand the next morning. He silently prayed with us and when he saw me falter or fall asleep, he would continue the prayer.

My husband and I also started going to the 5:30 a.m. Mass every day, often staying until the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Many times we would be back for the 6 p.m. Mass.

Search for a miracle

I also tried to find a miracle everywhere, going to faith and fake healers, priests and charlatans. One very famous healing priest told me I was dying.

My husband suffered with me, but quietly bore the pain to give me strength and hope. He served as a lay minister at the national shrine and would go out of his way to give Communion to the sick and help the needy.

We were not rich and my illness put our family in an even more precarious financial position, but he shared whatever little he could because, he said, it was the only thing he could offer.

When Mother Theresa, the Living Saint, was in town, my husband took me to see her. I saw Mother Theresa stepping out of a chapel. I ran to her, embraced her and cried—no words spoken. She hugged me, too. Then, looking into my eyes, she said, "My child, God is giving you a gift… a gift should not be accepted with tears but with a smile… there will be pain… but be strong. Pray the Memorare at least 10 times a day."

Disappointed

When she left, I was so disappointed. Where was the miracle? What gift? How could cancer and imminent death be gifts?

I was more confused than ever, but my husband insisted God knew better and Mother Theresa wanted us to surrender fully to His will. He urged me to pray even harder. So I would look at the image of Our Lady and say the Memorare not just 10 times a day, but 20, even 30.

Then, one day, the words sank in: "…that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection was left unaided…"

Not long after, my husband heard of a certain Dr. Manuel Navarro who did controversial breakthrough cancer research at the University of Santo Tomas. He lived right across Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital (Our Lady of Lourdes again!).

I told Dr. Navarro I hoped to go to Lourdes, France. He smiled and quietly said, "The Lady of Lourdes is not confined in Lourdes, France. She is everywhere, right in our hearts, if we believe. Is it not enough that you see her from your own home every day?"

Handing me some capsules, he said, "Whenever you take any medicine, ask God to bless it."

Obvious signs

All the signs I was getting were connected to Our Lady of Lourdes. I never thought the signs for my much-awaited miracle would be so obvious. So I made my decision. No surgery. No chemotherapy. No radiation. Just prayers and Dr. Navarro's medicine "wrapped" in more prayers.

Weeks turned into months, then years. My eldest graduated from high school and, by God's grace, my youngest skipped fourth year high school and went straight to college. I was around when they graduated from college and even when my youngest got her master's degree.

I thought I had beaten cancer but more pain came my way. In 1994, my mother passed away. Her estate was filed with the Probate Court where I experienced the best and the beast in people. Again, I turned to My Lady: "I am not asking much, just my share, what is legally and rightfully mine. Need it be this way?"

In 1997, my sister sold the building—my home—without my knowledge and I was told we would be evicted. We had nowhere to go. Our savings were gone, my husband was suffering from heart and kidney ailments, and my children were barely out of college.

New challenges

Stressed, my tumor grew again, faster than before. In 2000, specialists at the Eye Referral Center prescribed immediate surgery and chemotherapy. Tests confirmed their diagnosis. Dr. Tranquilino Elicaño Jr. examined my eyes in 2003 and I learned my cancer was resistant to chemotherapy and radiation.

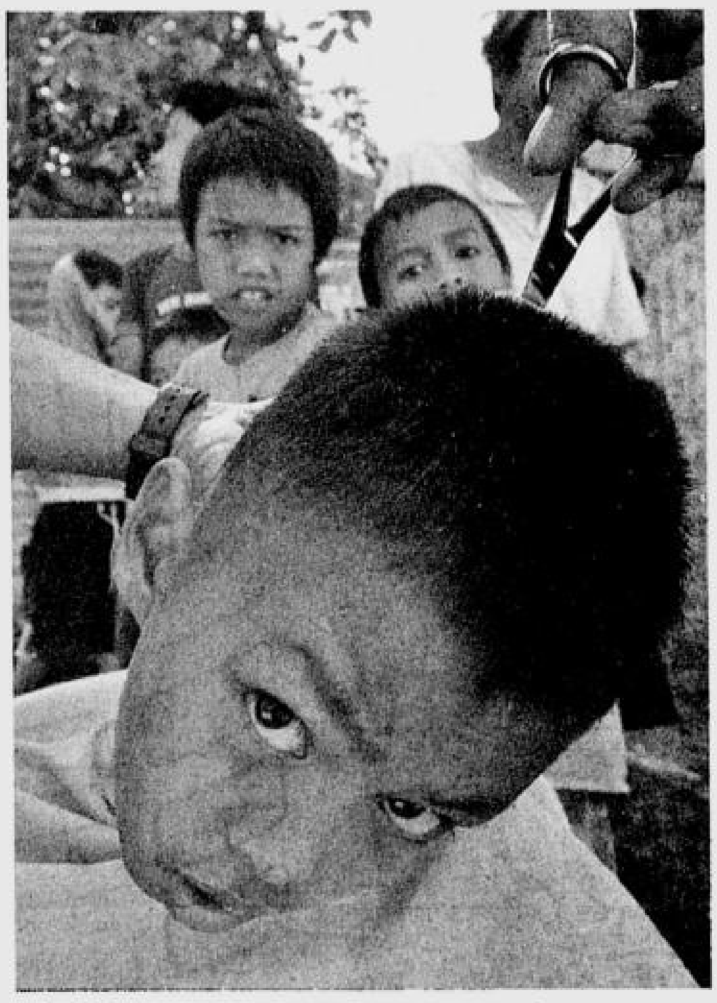
I petitioned the Probate Court for an advance on my share of the estate. But the wheels of our justice system move very slowly, even for those racing against time.

Last May, my husband passed away. After the funeral, I was rushed to the hospital. More than three-fourths of my face was swollen because of the tumor.

But, after 21 years, though the tumor is still there I am also still here. God may not have given the ultimate miracle yet, but I got more than what I asked for from Our Lady of Lourdes.

Truly, no prayers remain unanswered, though not always in the way we expect. My prayer for a gift of life was answered but, like a rose, it had thorns. God has a reason and a purpose for everything.

Perhaps my cancer and all the thorns are my bridge to God—my passport to heaven.



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? JOAN BONDOC

A boy enjoys a free haircut during the Libreng Gupit program in Antipolo City. Adults can also avail of a free trim.

Disabled kids learn about life

By Tina G. Santos

AT A GLANCE, Jerome de la Cruz, 6, looks just like any ordinary child his age—full of life, eager to learn and curious about everything.

However, Jerome while intelligent cannot fully participate in class because of a speech impediment that has given him an inferiority complex, his mother Edith said.

On the other hand, Lilibeth, 9, has been classified as a slow learner. She acts and thinks younger than her age.

Her parents, Leonardo and Margarita, have enrolled her in a special education class to help her cope with life.

Jerome and Lilibeth were two of the more than 300 special children from Metro Manila who joined Camp Pag-ibig last year.

The camp is an activity aimed at helping children with disabilities become more independent and productive.

Today, hundreds of children with disabilities are expected to gather at the Balara Filters grounds in Quezon City for Camp Pag-ibig 2005.

The two-day, one-night activity is expected to enable participants to interact and build self-confidence vital to their integration to society, said Dr. Teresita Inciong, overall director of the camp, which was started in February 1976 and is held annually.

With the theme "Moving Toward Independent and Productive Living," the camp will feature special children participating in various outdoor activities including survival skills training, cooking demonstrations, games, arts, tree planting, nature exploration, swimming, music and dance, and first-aid training.

Love reroutes traffic in Caloocan City

By Tina G. Santos

THE CALOOCAN City government has drafted a traffic rerouting plan as it holds a series of activities at Bonifacio Shrine in Monumento in celebration of Valentine's Day tomorrow and the city's 43rd Foundation Day on Wednesday, local officials announced.

It will truly be a day of love in the city tomorrow as more than a thousand couples tie the knot during the local government-sponsored "Kasalang Bayan."

On Wednesday, Mass will be held to be followed by a parade, the coronation of Miss Young Caloocan and Miss Caloocan, and a medical and dental mission.

City officials advised motorists that all vehicles, except buses, coming from Quezon City going to Valenzuela to turn right to MacArthur Highway.

Those coming from Quezon City to Navotas and Malabon, except buses, must turn right to MacArthur Highway, left to Portrero Street, left to Araneta Avenue, and then right to Samson Road.

Vehicles from Manila to Valenzuela must turn right to either 5th, 8th or 9th Avenue then left to B. Serrano, right to Edsa and take the second U-turn slot to MacArthur Highway.

Motorists from Manila to Quezon City must turn right to either 5th, 8th or 9th Avenue then left to B. Serrano, right to Edsa then to their destination.

Those coming from Manila to Malabon, Navotas and Letre Road must turn right to 2nd or 3rd Avenue, left to M.H. Del Pilar, left to 4th Avenue, right to A. Del Mundo Street, left to 6th Avenue to C3 Road.

Vehicles from Valenzuela going to Manila must take Samson Road, left at Heroes Del '96, left to 10th Avenue, right to either Baltazar or Nadurata Street, left to 9th Avenue then right to Rizal Avenue.

Motorists from Valenzuela to Quezon City must turn left to Edsa by counter-flow up to the first U-turn slot and to their destination.

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College announces search for scholar

THE UNITED World College (UWC), an international educational institution, in coordination with the Philippine Alumni Network and the Ayala Foundation Inc., is searching for a top-caliber fourth year high school student interested in pursuing a two-year international baccalaureate course in Canada. For details, call Jen Perez of the Philippine Alumni Network at 0919-8442603 or Tito Rivera of the Ayala Foundation at 894-5620 loc. 104. E-mail inquiries may also be sent to the United World Colleges Philippine Alumni Network (ucwphilippines@yahoo.com or info@ph.uwc.org) and tito@ayalafoundation.org. You may also visit the Philippine website at www.ph.uwc.org. For general information on the UWC movement, please visit the UWC at www.uwc.org.

GNC '55 reunion

TWO EVENTS will precede the forthcoming grand reunion of the Guagua National Colleges (GNC) Class of '55 golden jubilarians. One is the Filipiniana Festival to be held on Feb. 19 at the residence of Ando Lopez in San Nicolas, Guagua, Pampanga. The second is an exclusive reunion of the GNC high school class of '55 at the house of Leonor Pineda on Feb. 23. The GNC will hold a parade led by a brass band at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 26. The grand reunion will be at 7 p.m.

BOCAUE'S 400TH YEAR

Bocaueños have started preparing for the town's 400th anniversary in 2006 by forming the Rigodon de Honor committee. The committee is led by honorary chair Juanita H. dela Cruz (seated second from left, beside Mayor Serafin dela Cruz) and is chaired by Councilor Baby Derilo (seated, far right).

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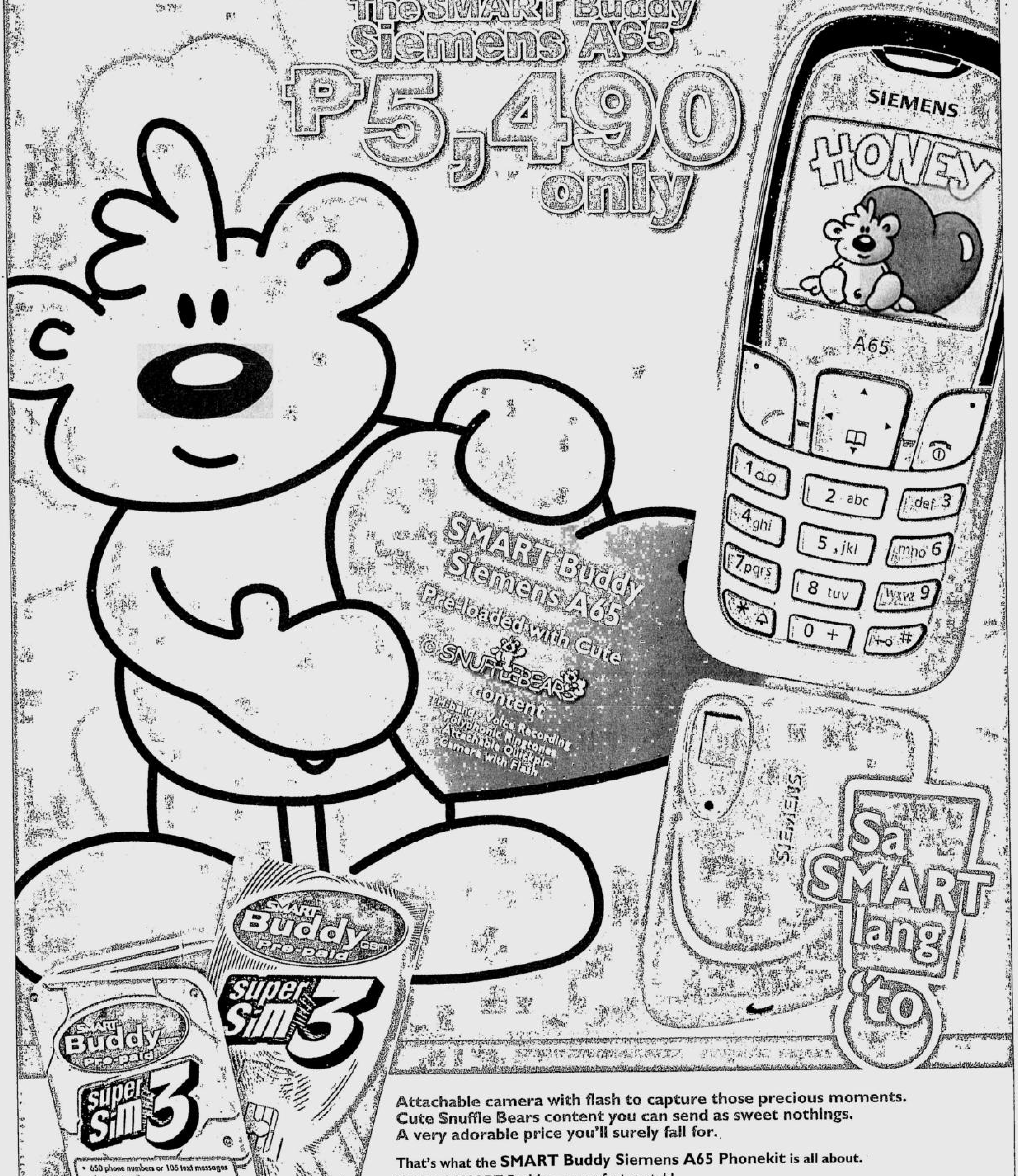

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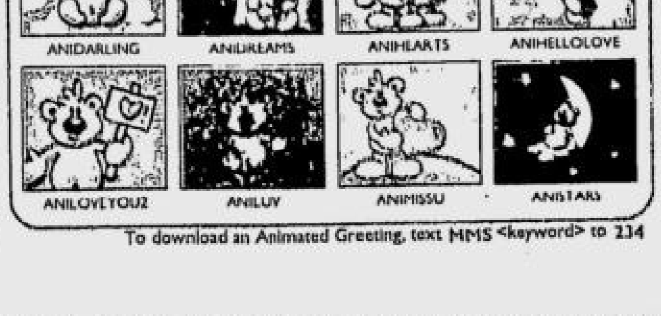

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Globe gets inside track on SEAG deal

By Jasmine W. Payo

FOR NOW, Globe has the inside track on the telecommunications needs of the Southeast Asian Games slated Nov. 27 to Dec. 5 in Manila and three other key cities.

This picture developed after Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc) chair Roberto Pagdanganan yesterday said the commitments made by Philsoc in its deal with Globe must be honored.

And, unfortunately for Smart and other telecom firms also willing to pour funds for the biennial Games, the P100-million Gold sponsorship package forged by Globe with Philsoc last week reportedly included an institutional lockout provision.

Based on the agreement entered into by Philsoc marketing committee head Pete Cura with the concurrence of the Philsoc executive board, Globe will have the lock on the Games' telecommunication needs for the duration of the competition.

"Philsoc must comply with the provisions of the agreement with Globe," said Pagdanganan. "In fact, the board was ecstatic when Pete (Cura) reported to us that Globe had committed to the package presented."

However, Philsoc vice chair and POC president Peping Cojuangco and Philsoc official Rep. Monico Puentevella still sealed on Wednesday a sponsorship deal with corporate rival Smart Communications reportedly worth more than P100 million.

Cojuangco then appealed to Globe on Friday to make do without the exclusivity clause that reportedly came with the sponsorship package.

"A lot of people are getting the wrong idea that we already have all the money that we need," said Cojuangco. "What we have is just the 10 percent. These pledges are just for the athletes. We still have to get enough funds to be able to host the event. We need the maximum assistance of donors."

Pagdanganan said he will convene the executive board next week to device other marketing schemes that could possibly accommodate other interested firms.

"We need all the support we can get from our private sector," said Pagdanganan.

Hosting the SEA Games is expected to cost between P800 million and P1 billion.

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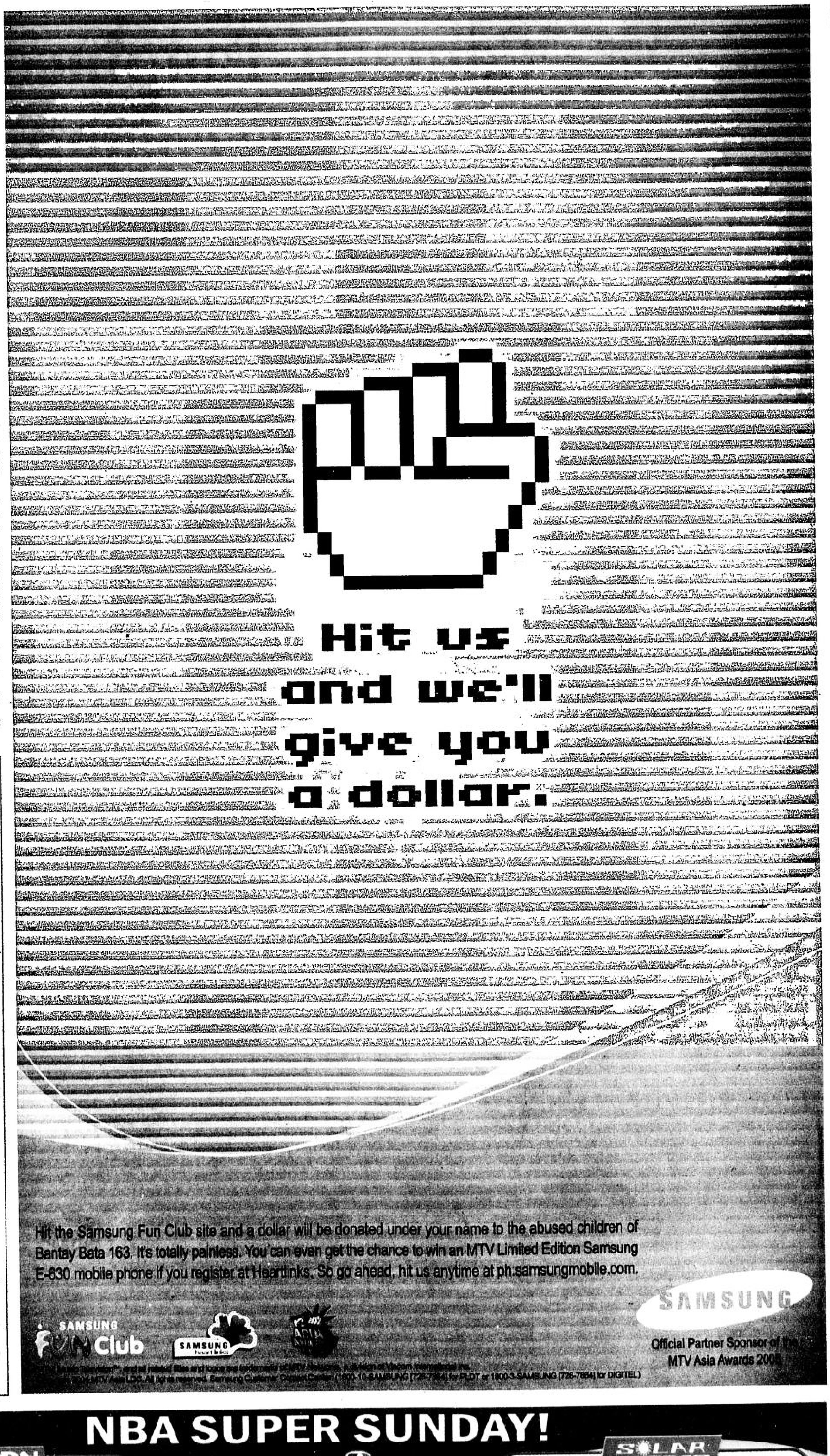

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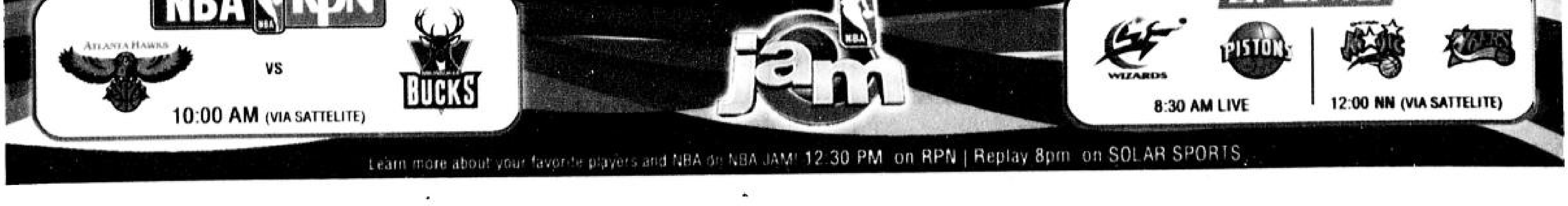

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Lady Archers target V-League crown today

GAMES TODAY (*Rizal Memorial Coliseum*)
1:30 p.m.—Letran vs PSC
3:30 p.m.—La Salle vs UST

DE LA Salle goes for the kill against defending champion University of Santo Tomas today in Game 2 of their best-of-three Shakey's V-League second conference title showdown at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum. The match is set at 3:30 p.m.

Showing great resolve and determination, the Lady Archers pulled off a come-from-behind 27-29, 17-25, 25-22, 25-23, 15-7 victory in the series opener Thursday.

"We'll try to get Game 2 because we know they are capable of coming back if we give them a chance," said La Salle coach Ramil de Jesus, who is out to avenge a sweep at the hands of the Tigresses in the first conference finals last year.

The Lady Archers, two-time UAAP champions, feel confident as the biggest thorn on their title campaign—Roxanne Pimentel—will not be 100 percent fit after spraining an ankle early in the fifth set of Game 1.

"She (Pimentel) can walk, said UST coach August Sta. Maria. "Hopefully she can play on Sunday, even if she's not in tiptop shape.

Sta. Maria is hoping for the other Tigresses—led by first conference MVP Mary Jean Balse—to step up.

Letran College also hopes to finish off Philippine Sports Commission in a 1:30 p.m. game for third place. The Lady Knights likewise needed five sets to subdue the Lady Legends, 25-14, 22-25, 12-25, 11-25, 15-8.

Organized by Sports Vision and Management Group Inc. (SVMGI), the La Salle-UST match will be telecast on IBC 13 at 8 tonight while the Letran-PSC duel will be aired tomorrow also at 8 p.m.

Cantada-Tanpinco repeats as champ

JESS YUSON

GERARD Cantada reacts after holing in a birdie.

By Musong R. Castillo

SILANG, Cavite—Gerard Cantada and amateur partner JR Tanpinco scored a routine par on the 72nd hole yesterday to close out with a six-over 77 and win the Konica Minolta National Pro-Am for the second straight year.

Cantada-Tanpinco nipped the teams of Mars Pucay and Jose Roy and Japan's Yoshinaga Tomokasu and Takao Yusuku with their 298 total worth P207,300 for Gerard and a handsome trophy for JR.

The repeat victory in the only tournament that he plays in was so gripping that it was enough to put tears in the eyes of the battle-scarred Cantada, the former jungolf wonder who is now one of the country's leading teachers.

"I'm dedicating this victory to my sister Therese," said Gerard. Therese, an Asian Games shooter, celebrated her 31st birthday yesterday.

The championship wouldn't have gone all the way down to the final hole, had Cantada-Tanpinco not turned in bogeys on 16 and 17 to lose a two-shot lead and allow those two teams to tie them going to the 18th tee mound.

"We handled the pressure well," said the 23-year-old Tanpinco.

Cantada ripped his drive on the 18th, leaving Tanpinco a 140-yard approach, while Roy virtually had no shot to the green after Pucay pushed his drive to the thick rough on the right.

Yusuku, on the other hand, hit the bunker guarding the front of the green.

Yoshinaga and Takao and Pucay-Roy both bogeyed 18 for a 77 and 79, respectively for 299. The Japanese pair, however, took second place because of a better final round score and went home with the P139,290 purse and trophy.

Third was worth P81,690 and a trophy for Pucay-Roy.

Solomon Gines and Artemio Murakami signed for a 76 and finished solo fourth with a 300 total, followed by the Lee Seong Ki-Jung Hyung-yu team, which turned in a similar 76 for 301.

The awarding followed immediately with U-Bix owner Bert Bravo, Riviera chair Cesar Jayme Jr. and Konica's Ted Yamana doing the honors.

A total of 258 players took part in the five-day event but no one made a hole-in-one on No. 4 that carried the special prize of a P1.3-million Hi-Lux from Toyota Motor Philippines.

Konica Minolta Business Technologies Corporation of Japan was the title sponsor of the tournament, which was sanctioned by the National Golf Association of the Philippines headed by its president Benny Gopez.

Sta. Elena, Orchard notch second straight wins

TITLE favorite Sta. Elena and upstart Orchard turned back separate opponents for their second straight victories even as Manila Southwoods and Tagaytay Highlands regained lost ground at the resumption of the inaugural Ladies Federation Golf League in various venues, recently.

Lily Chan and Nancy Co scored a close 2 and 1 win in the alternate shot format to complete Sta. Elena's 3-0 sweep of Forest Hills and seize the lead in Group II after winning its debut against Valley.

Blowout wins by Therese Dabao and partner Gretchen Dabao in high-low and Vinice Godio-Candice Yulo in aggregate accounted for the other Sta. Elena points.

In another Group II match, Manila Southwoods recovered from its sorry loss to Forest Hills last week with a 2-1 decision of Valley in the most exciting duel so far as all matches reached no shorter than 16 holes.

Valley fell to its second straight setback and needs to win against Forest Hills next week to bounce back into contention in the series sponsored by Prudential Bank and Justine Sebastian/Cathay Land Inc.

Orchard proved that its win over Riviera last week was no fluke, riding on the heroics of Rose Torrefranca-Sarah Cruz in the alternate shots to escape with a 2-1 win over Manila Golf in Group I.

Torrefanca and Cruz took the deciding point via a 1 up result after an 8 and 7 win by teammates Jo Barredo and Minja Ivanovic in high-low was offset by Manila Golf's Sylvia Ting-Letty Laurel, who clinched the aggregate duel.

Delivering the goods for Highlands, which bowed to Manila Golf last week, were the pairs of Princess Katigbak-Len Yaptangco (alternate shots), Linnel de Villa-Farah Imperial (high-low) and Mely Leyeza-Maline Flores (aggregate).

RP-China sports pact up Tuesday

THE PHILIPPINE Sports Commission, in partnership with the First Gentleman's Foundation, will launch the 2005 RP-China Sports Cooperation on Tuesday at the Philsports Multi-Purpose Arena in Pasig City.

The bilateral agreement forged by and between the PSC and the Chinese Sports Administration, through the initiative and support of First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, is expected to further boost the training and preparation of Filipino athletes and coaches for the 2005 Southeast Asian Games.

Chinese Ambassador to Manila Wu Hongbo and Wang Xiaolin, president of the Chinese Wushu Association, will be representing Chinese Sports minister Liu Peng for the formal signing of the agreementr with Arroyo and PSC officer-in-charge William "Butch" Ramirez and commissioners Leon Montemayor, Ambrosio de Luna and Michael Barredo.

Arroyo and Ramirez flew to Beijing last month for a bilateral meeting with Minister Liu Peng and other top Chinese sports officials aimed at strengthening an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Philippines and China in the area of sports development.

Under the agreement, Filipino athletes and coaches will be sent to China to undergo an intensive training program as part of their buildup for the coming SEA Games.

Flash Elorde Awards Night to fete Pacquiao

FILIPINO world champions and boxing personalities who contributed to the development of the sports last year will be honored during the annual Gabriel "Flash" Elorde Boxing Awards Night—Banquet of Champions on March 30 at the grand ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Makati City.

Johnny Elorde, son of D' Flash, one of the greatest boxers of all time in whose memory the Annual Awards is held, said world champion Manny Pacquiao will lead major honorees.

Pacquiao is expected to be back from his bout with Erik Morales in Las Vegas on March 19 in time for the awards rites.

Elorde said this year's boxing awards will not be held on D' Flash's birthday on March 25, which is the usual date because it falls on Good Friday.

Filipino boxers who won or retained their world and international crowns during the year will be the major honorees.

Former world champions will also be honored in the Banquet of Champions along with those who passed away during the year.

"We are honored to present the Elorde Awards for the fifth straight year," said Elorde.

Equal billing

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE BEAUTY of golf is, normally, the roster of participants would include both interesting and uninteresting personalities. It's a given that in every golf tournament, you see both stars and non-stars competing. The stars being the big names of the game and the non-stars usually the journey men. The just-concluded Konica Minolta National Pro/Am at Riviera is no exception.

They were all there, the brightest as well as the, well, dumbest.

Golf is so unique a game that it attracts all walks of life.

Who said only the gentlemen in our midst play the game? What is a gentleman in the first place?

FVR, the only man who chomped cigars instead of puffing them when he was Philippine President from 1992 to 1998 (still does), said some of the most dishonest men in the world are golfers.

The man, who also said you could be in trouble if you haven't eaten your breakfast before seven in the morning, was the guest of honor of the Celebrity Tournament of the Konica Minolta National Pro/Am, which staked a Toyota Hi-Lux that nobody won as a hole-in-one prize. Still, thanks to Danny Isla of Toyota Motors.

U-Bix boss Bert Bravo, in his speech during the Celebrity awards, said of FVR: "I can not thank our beloved president enough for gracing anew our tournament. Seeing him join us again makes the Pro-Am already an instant success."

Hearing that, I cheered heartily in my own way.

FVR has always been a golf lover and benefactor—before, during and after his term as Philippine president.

For one, FVR played the major role to bring to the country the World Team Amateurs in 1996 through lead man Benny Gopez (the birthday kid, today), a high-water mark for Philippine golf as the country's second chance to host the Olympics of Golf does not come again after 50 years.

For another, FVR was the key figure in the nourishment of Jennifer Rosales' golf career. With FVR's robust support for NGAP's backing of Jennifer's exposure trips to the SEA Games, Asian Games and other global events, the 2004 PSA Sportswoman of the Year used these trips to sharpen her skills preparatory to her stunning entry into the US LPGA two years ago.

Now, in the just-ended Konica Minolta National Pro/Am, I saw several potential world-beaters competing alongside the established names of the game. A couple of them, I must admit, deserve praise: 12-year-old Wolen Superal and 17-year-old Frances Bondad.

Wolen, already a fast-rising jungolfer, teamed up with his father, Wendy, and although they didn't do well, their partnership could be a sign of good things to come.

The Australia-based Frances also didn't fare well in her team-up with Tony Arevalo, but then, the experience should help her hone up her potentials as she's a virtual shoo-in for the RP Team to the Manila SEA Games this November.

"Frances is primed up for the SEA Games," said Dinah Briones, Bondad's aunt. "We are glad that Mr. Revilla (Vince) has offered his rest house at Riviera to Frances when Frances prepares for the Games in November."

Riviera will host the SEA Games golf competition and Revilla's beautiful house sits princely between holes 3 and 6 of Riviera Couples.

While I absolutely put Frances and, yes, Wolen, alongside the stars of the Pro/Am tournament, it does not mean, though, that they get star billing in the sports headlines. They didn't win, so they appear "only" in this space.

Big deal, huh?

Umm, modesty aside, should be.

Even nondescripts are chosen ones here, at times more often than not. For I believe in the credo that every person has a story to tell, a tale worth writing about. If nobody has a monopoly of wisdom, then both the big shot and small fry always get equal billing.

That has been the battle cry in this corner since 1986.

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FASTBREAK. Ted Yamada of Konica Minolta was a surprise guest during yesterday's awarding ceremonies of the Konica Minolta National Pro/Am at Riviera. Brought in by U-Bix's Lee Altavas, Ted has this jolly fella poise. Welcome to the Pro/Am, Ted-san… It's Ariel Aguilar, not Alegre. Sorry about that, Ariel. Like Ariel, also a big help during my coverage of the Pro/Am were Janette Dimalaluan, Maria Fe Razon, chef Bert Famadico (his steamed *pla-pla* and *bangus* are the best is town) and F&B manager Ellen Acosta. And, of course, who could forget the assistance of Joe Dagdagan's trusty men—horticulturist Willy Navarro, Jay Ilagan and Danny Medina, Riviera's elite troika of grounds supervisors? Again, thank you, dolls and fellas. Till then.

Iligan, Zambo booters prevail

LOPSIDED victories marked the start of the Western Mindanao qualifying round of the 2005 PFF/Adidas National Men's Championship on Friday. Iligan routed Pagadian, 4-0, while Zamboanga dumped Ozamiz, 12-0.

Mark Furog opened the scoring for Iligan on the 48th minute, followed by Francis Villanueva (57 & 85th minute) and Benjo Lytol on the 69th. Zamboanga's goals came from Tamer Bandogan (4th, 23rd minute), Taher Er (11, 44, 48), Fulkan Dikmen (40, 42), Resemon Cube (41, 85) Al-Faizar Tahil (74, 88) and Philip Enriquez (83).

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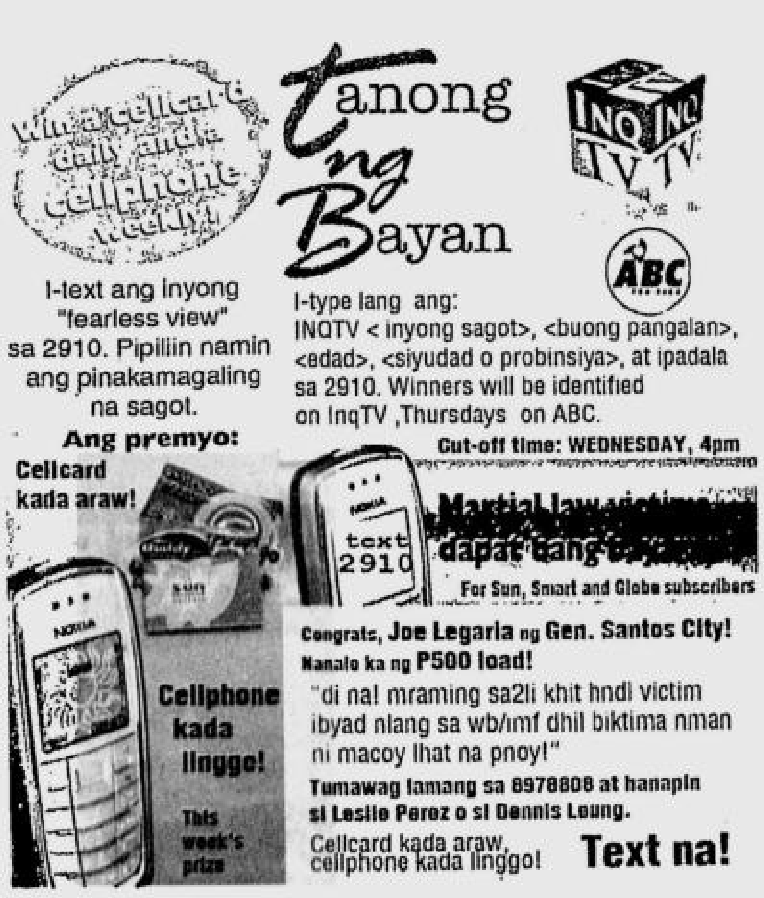

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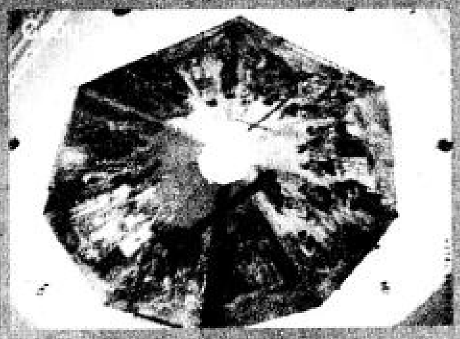

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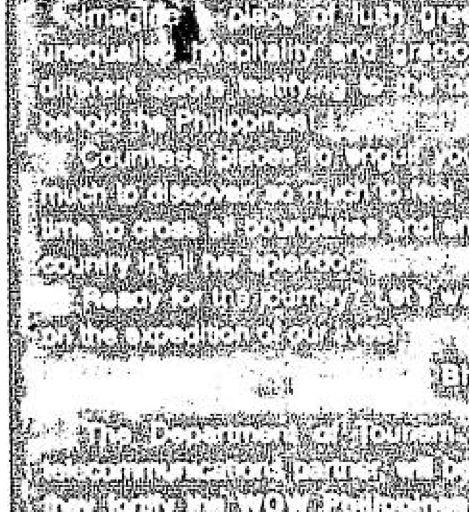

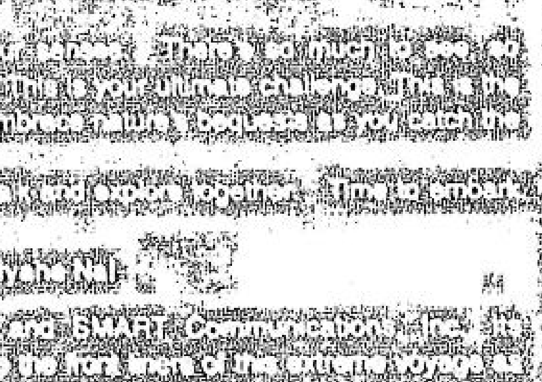

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Biyahe Na!

The Department of Tourism and SMART Communications, Inc., its telecommunications partner, will be the front liners of this extreme voyage as they jointly [illegible] the WOW Philippines campaign with the launching of the new Biyahe Tayo song.

Regine Velasquez will be performing the new version of Biyahe Tayo, originally performed by a team of various OPM artists. The song was initially produced by Pfizer Bonamine and Perceptions' EVP Noel Nieva, with the original lyrics written by Rene Nieva, and musical arrangements done by Rico Blanco and Mike Villegas.

The new Biyahe Tayo will be in line with DOT Secretary Ace Durano's advocacy to promote the Philippine Islands not only to tourists, but to the Filipino people as well. I Love the Philippines, Biyahe Na! is the 2006 theme that aspires to promote not only the natural resources, but also the diverse culture, exceptional native cuisine and rich traditions of the land. The new campaign highlights SMART's role in supporting the country's tourism industry and aims to awaken every Filipino's love and pride for his country.

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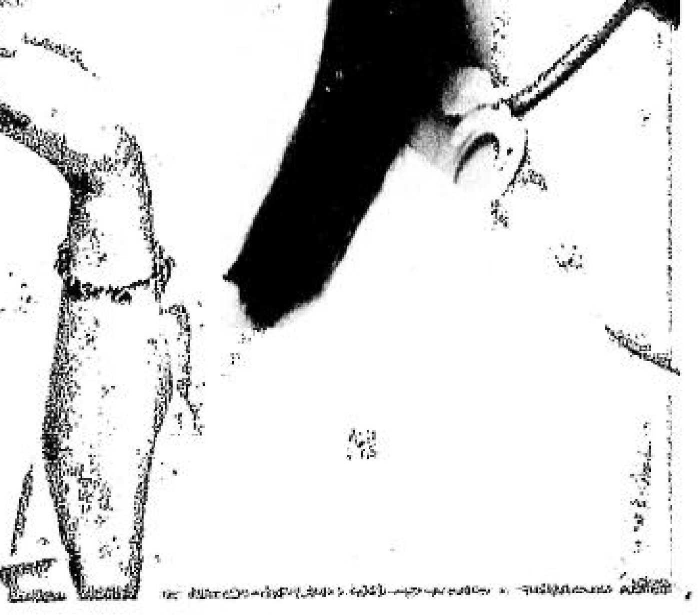

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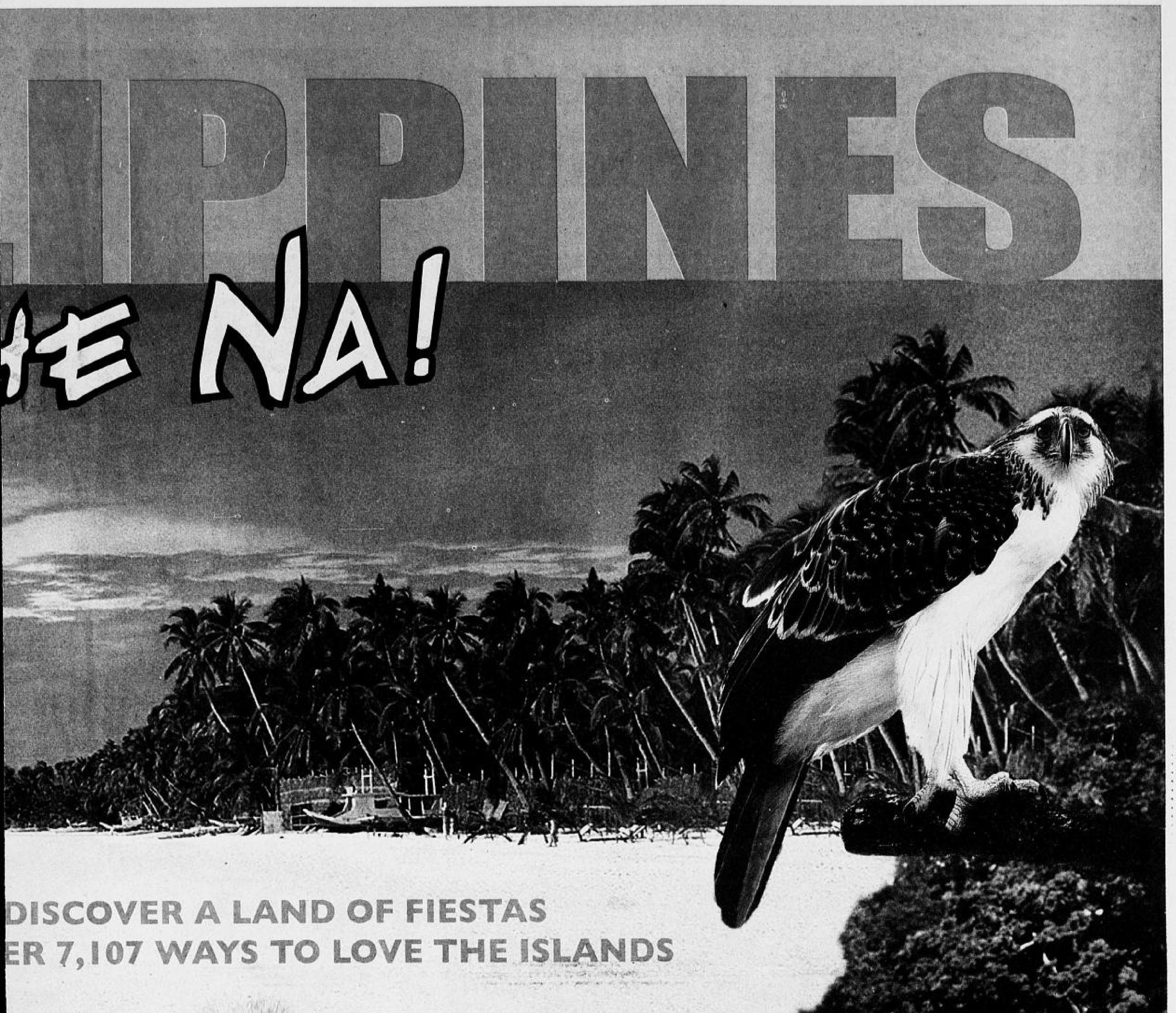
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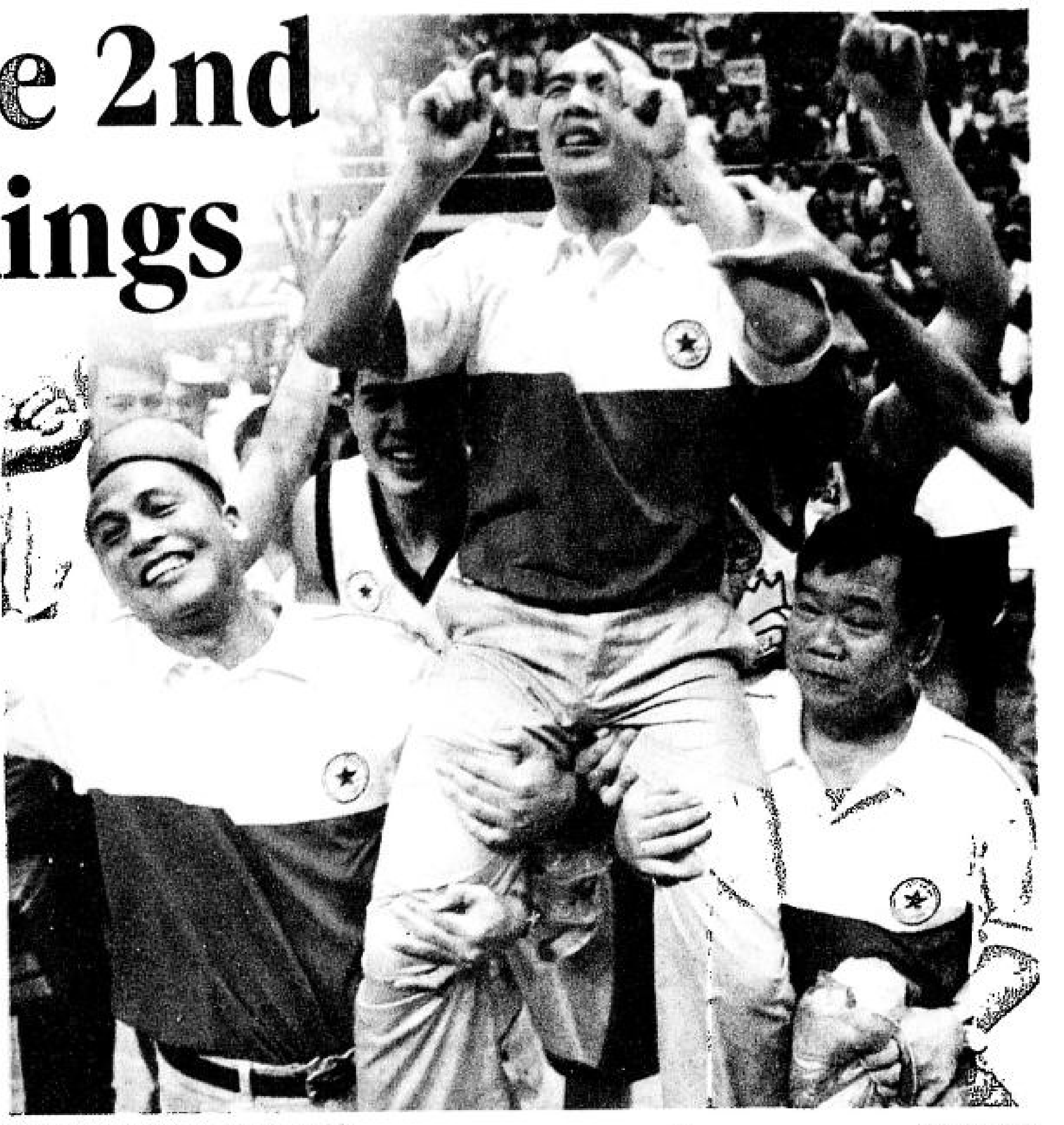

SIOT Tanquingcen gets victory ride. ERNIE SARMIENTO

By June Navarro

DON'T blame Eric Menk if he feels more thrilled winning the PBA Philippine Cup championship than the Fiesta Cup Finals last conference.

For one, Menk and the Barangay Ginebra Kings pulled off the feat on their own, without the presence of a reliable import.

And aside from having a solid lineup in the Fiesta Cup, the Gin Kings had to make both ends meet this time with their ace playmaker on the injury list throughout the best-of-seven title series.

"The first one is always the ice-breaker but this one was much more difficult than the last one," said Menk, the Finals MVP after leading the Gin Kings to a 96-86 Game 6 victory over the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals that wrapped up the series at 4-2.

"We didn't have an import to rely on and we lost Jayjay (Helterbrand) to injuries. He's one of the leaders in the team," he added.

With the explosive Torraye Braggs as their import, the Gin Kings won the Fiesta Cup Finals over the Red Bull Barako, marking their first title since winning a PBA crown back in 1997. Menk was also named Finals and conference MVP.

Helterbrand fractured his tibular bone in the left calf muscle during Game 5 of their semifinals victory over San Miguel Beer. Walking on crutches, the flashy Helterbrand will be out for at least eight more weeks.

The road to the Finals was also a bumpy one for the Gin Kings.

Coach Siot Tanquingcen and his troops had to weather a 2-1 deficit against the Beermen to advance to the championships.

So when the Gin Kings faced the Phone Pals in Game 1 of the Finals, they were all fagged out and the result was an 89-71 beating from Talk 'N Text.

But as fate would have it, the league forfeited the outcome of Game 1 in favor of the Gin Kings after the Phone Pals fielded in a suspended Asi Taulava. That gave Ginebra a 2-0 lead in the series.

The Phone Pals evened up matters in Games 3 and 4 but gave up the last two games, allowing the crowd-favorite Gin Kings to bag their sixth franchise title since joining the league in 1979.

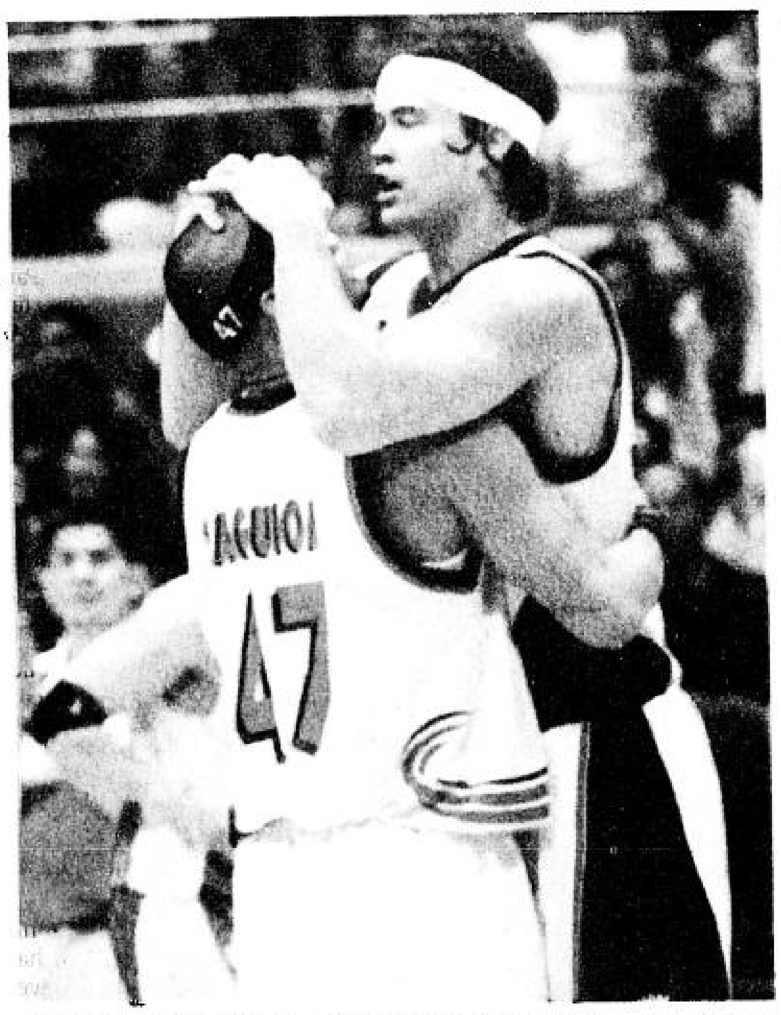
"I believe we could have also won it had the series gone into a Game 7," said Menk after scoring a game-high 39 points and 19 rebounds, 13 of them offensive boards.

"It's no secret but I think our big men are the best in the league. We have that advantage inside while Talk 'N Text has an edge with its guards. Luckily, our advantage worked more than theirs," he added.

Tanquingcen also praised Rommel Adducul, Mark Caguioa, Rodney Santos and Sunday Salvacion.

By becoming the first Ginebra coach to win back-to-back titles, Tanquingcen had accomplished a mean feat even the legendary Sonny Jaworski failed to attain.

"It sounds great but I got great teachers whom I learned from and I'm blessed," he added, referring to SMB coach Jong Uichico and Ron Jacobs.


ERIC Menk and Mark Caguioa share a happy moment. ERNIE SARMIENTO

Phone Pals hear Eala's side

GIVEN a choice, PBA Commissioner Noli Eala would rather bury the hatchet than allow the league's case against Asi Taulava and Talk 'N Text to take a turn for the worse.

Eala has made the first move toward reconciliation after meeting up with Talk 'N Text alternate governor Al Panlilio the other day as both parties sought for an amicable solution to settle the legal rift involving the league and Taulava.

"I think it's about time to reach out. The series is over and I just want to put things into proper perspective," said Eala after a lengthy discussion with Panlilio prior to Game 6 of the best-of-seven Finals won by Barangay Ginebra.

The talks between Eala and Panlilio came a day after the league's appeal to reverse a Quezon City ruling ordering Taulava to again suit up for the Phone Pals was dismissed by the same court.

Judge Rogelio Pizzaro of QC Regional Trial Court Branch 222 has turned down the PBA's motion for reconsideration, which will force the league to elevate the case in the Court of Appeals.

Eala, who has yet to receive a copy of the decision, declined to comment on the case but said the PBA would evaluate its legal implications.

The PBA has hired the services of former Sen. Rene Saguisag just in case a protracted legal battle takes place.

"He (Saguisag) has agreed to come on board the legal team of the PBA. We already had two meetings and he has agreed to help the league in its legal cases," said Eala. *June Navarro*

Champions League moves over to Cebu

GAMES TODAY (*Cebu Coliseum*)
3 p.m.—USP vs University of Mindanao
5 p.m.—University of Cebu vs WNC

FOUR southern varsity squads will kick off the Visayas-Mindanao leg of the Collegiate Champions League today at the Cebu Coliseum.

West Negros College, champion of the Negros Occidental Private Schools, Sports, Cultural and Educational Association (NOPSSCEA), will battle University of Cebu in the main game of this US-NCAA knockout style tournament that features the country's top collegiate basketball teams. Gametime is at 5 p.m.

Davao champion University of Mindanao will collide with University of Southern Philippines at 3 p.m.

SPORTSWATCH

St. Stephen, Xavier dispute title

DEFENDING champion St. Stephen High School and Xavier School arranged a repeat titular showdown after turning back their rivals recently in the 29th Hitachi-Metro Manila Tiong Lian Basketball League at the Chiang Kai Shek Gym. St. Stephen routed host Chiang Kai Shek College, while Xavier rallied past UNO High School, 79-72, to forge the best-of-three championship series sponsored by Hitachi and supported by And1, Hang Ten, Healthy Options and Davies Paints. Game 1 is set at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the CKS. Highlights of the last two elimination matches and the Final Four will be aired on IBC 13 on Sunday, 3-5 p.m.

Amit leads SEAG qualifying round

RUBILEN Amit topped the Billiard and Snooker Congress of the Philippines' (BSCP) ladies 9-ball tournament yesterday to become one of the leading candidates for the women's team that will represent the Philippines in the Southeast Asian Games here on December. Amit, the 2002 Women's Asian 8-ball champion, defeated four-time Davao champion Mary Ann Basas, 9-8, in the finals of the first leg of the national women's qualifying event at the Coronado Lanes, Makati City. "I'm happy with my win," said Amit. "If I get lucky enough to get in the RP pool team, I'll be very excited." *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

Tejares-Baguio bout on Fistorama

THE FOUR-ROUND fight between Rodel Tejares and Manuel Baguio held recently in Cagayan de Oro City will be aired on "Samsung's Fistorama" at 4 p.m. today on RPN 9. The other minimum-weight division bout will feature Danny Lagramonte and Abe Concepcion. A video presentation of the tourism spots in Misamis Oriental will also be shown in the one-hour program. The show, aired every Sunday, is supported by Samsung, Tanduay Rhum, PCSO and Mapecon. Golf Power, featuring highlights of the 16th Bill Shaw Memorial Golf Tournament, will be aired at 3 p.m.

Speedfest Championship in Baguio

THE ULTIMATE Red Horse Beer-Smart Buddy Speedfest Championship third round started in Metro Baguio yesterday. Combining motocross and 4x4 offroading, the event ushered in Baguio's Panagbenga Festivities and Benguet Province's Adivay Festival. The racetrack is at the Provincial Stock Farm, Trinidad Valley, according to MP Turbo organizer and veteran international driver Mike Potenciano. Sponsored by Smart Buddy, Red Horse Beer, GSM Blue and Goodyear, this event combines two championships—the Red Horse Beer Motocross Championship held yesterday and the GSM Blue 4x4 Trials Championships set today. Call 0919-4921575.

Esguerra top horseowner again; Empire King year's best galloper

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

HERMIE Esguerra, Sandy Javier, Empire King and Real Spicy provided the brightest glow to the local horse racing industry last year.

By doing so, all of them captured the major trophies in the recent Philtobo Gintong Lahi Awards, Philippine racing's most prestigious gala affair honoring the past year's outstanding performers.

Esguerra ran away with the Horseowner of the Year award, besting the C&H Enterprises and David Lee, and retaining the title he also handily won last year.

"This is a great honor. I want to share this award with all my fellow horseowners and breeders and all the members of Team Esguerra," said Esguerra, who got the same accolade from the Philippine Sportswriters Association. "*Salamat din po sa bayang karerista.*"

ESGUERRA PDI PHOTO

Javier was the hands-down choice as Breeder of the Year, a similar honor the organizing Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization headed by its president Bienvenido "Nonoy" Niles Jr. bestowed him a year ago. He beat Esguerra and the C&H Enterprises for the award.

Empire King, the gutsy colt who came back from disappointing losses to win the 2004 Presidential Gold Cup, was named Horse of the Year, edging Real Spicy, Cover Girl and West Bound for the honor.

A Perfect Halo-Carta Nueve progeny, Empire King also prevailed in the Ongpin Cup, Horseman's Cup and Marho Breeders' Cup Colt Mile last year, feats that also netted him the Champion 3-Year-Old Colt award.

But Real Spicy, the Esguerra Stable's biggest money-earning galloper last year, was the unanimous choice as Champion 2-Year-Old Colt, a distinction he cemented when he ruled the Juvenile Championship with aplomb.

Ace jockey rides best horse today

RIDING in major races always boosts Pat Dilema's adrenalin, but none revs him up more than partnering a champion horse in today's featured event at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

For the first time, Dilema is guiding Empire King, a combination described by experts as perfect, during the "Karera Para sa Puso."

"Excited *ako na masakyan siya siyempre kampeon 'yan* (I'm excited to ride him because he's a champion horse)," said the 26-year-old ace jockey.

Both Dilema and Empire King were recently voted as Jockey of the Year and Horse of the Year, respectively, by the Philtobo during its annual Gintong Lahi Awards.

Empire King is seeking revenge but Cover Girl will be out to deny him that goal.

Empire King tries to live up to his latest tag as he issued a resounding warning in a recent warm-up that he's more than ready to tackle anyone's challenge whatever the distance may be.

With regular pilot Jeff Ladiana in the irons, Empire King warmed up for this afternoon's assignment with a Class Division victory last Feb. 6.

But Cover Girl, who pipped Empire King in the Santa Ana Championship opening leg recently, appears to be another major stumbling block.

The race will be disputed over the mile (1,600 meters) and Cover Girl owns the fastest time of 1:39 flat over the distance she set in last year's Cojuangco Cup. *Edwin Villanueva*

Racing Tips at SLLP by Mr. 999

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Filinvest stages First Gentleman Cup

PROUD owners parade their prized canines.

THE FIRST Gentleman Cup II/7th SLGSDA Landesgruppen Sieger Show reels off today at the Filinvest Alabang grounds.

Anatomy, agility, temperament and endurance will be the order of the day as top SV German Judge Herr Wilhelm Nordsieck inspects and rates the participants.

All points will lead to the titles Sieger N Siegerin for leg winners thereby determining the SLGSDA Dog and Bitch of 2005.

Among the favorites in the male open class division are German imports Norbert Von Vierhundert Hertz, Quando Vom Kotterbusch and Quartz Du Bergenie-Philippine born. On the female open, multititled Zwille Aus Agrigento, Usis Vom Monchberg and Relli Fixuruta are among the German imports vying for the Siegerin title with Philippine-born Dixie Von Franz as darkhorse.

More than 130 participants have already registered for the event.

The puppy class (3-6/6-9/9-12 months) contest starts 9 a.m. while the junior, intermediate, and open class kicks off at 1:30 p.m. Call 721-8345 or 0918-9306078.

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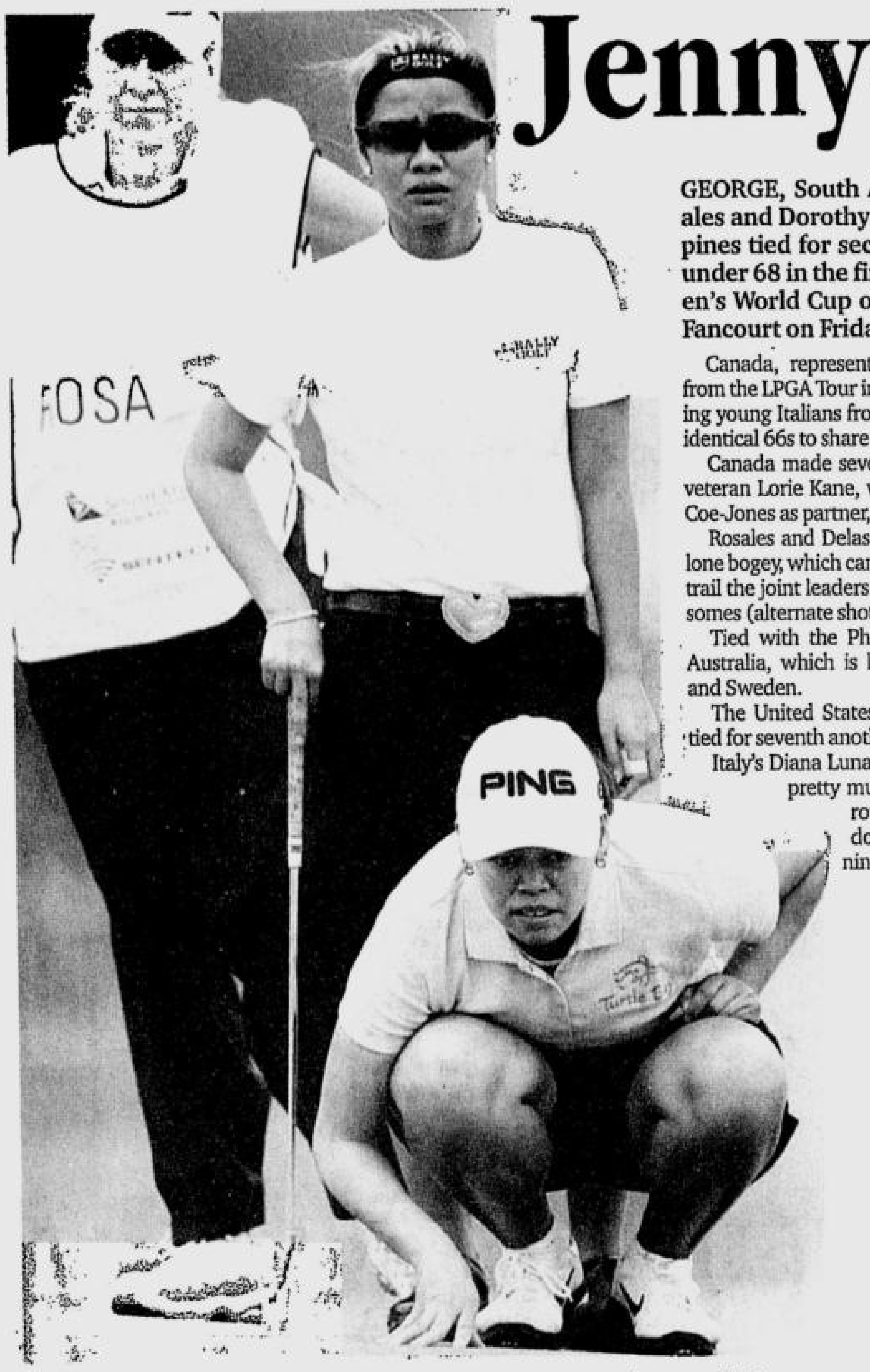
Jenny-Dorothy joint 2nd


DOROTHY Delasin (front) and Jennifer Rosales line up a putt on the second hole. AFP

GEORGE, South Africa—Jennifer Rosales and Dorothy Delasin of the Philippines tied for second spot after a five-under 68 in the first round of the Women's World Cup of Golf at The Links at Fancourt on Friday.

Canada, represented by a pair of veterans from the LPGA Tour in America, and two promising young Italians from the European Tour, fired identical 66s to share the first round lead.

Canada made seven birdies with 40-year-old veteran Lorie Kane, who has 44-year-old Dawn Coe-Jones as partner, responsible for all seven.

Rosales and Delasin had six birdies against a lone bogey, which came in the par-4 12th hole, to trail the joint leaders by two going into the foursomes (alternate shots) today.

Tied with the Philippines in joint third are Australia, which is led by Karrie Webb, Japan and Sweden.

The United States, England and Mexico are tied for seventh another stroke back.

Italy's Diana Luna, 22, and Giulia Sergas, 25, pretty much shared nine birdies in a round that also included a double-bogey seven at the ninth, where they both found trouble in waist-high rough off the fairway.

Japan is represented by Rui Kitada and teenage sensation Ai Miyazato, 19, who won five tournaments in her rookie year on the Japanese LPGA Tour in 2004. Carin Koch and Sophie Gustafson carry the Swedish flag, while Rachel Hetherington is Webb's teammate.

The Japanese had nines of 34-34 while the Philippines went 32-36.

Sweden finished in style with birdies at 16, a long par-five, and 17, a tricky par-three.

The format of play for the opening round was betterball, with each member of the two-person teams playing their own golf ball and the best score counting in each hole on this tortuous par-73 links-style course, which hosted the 2003 Presidents Cup.

"Actually, seven birdies for me and none for Dawn isn't a true reflection of what happened out there," Kane explained.

"The truth is it was great teamwork, what we in Canada call 'ham-and-egging' well. Dawn made a couple of crucial par-saves when I was in trouble, and she was in prime position a couple of times herself but because I'd already made birdie we didn't need her to hole out."

Remarkably, the Italians were only two under for the day as they stood on the 14th tee. But they finished in style with five straight birdies to shoot up the leaderboard.

"We did make a complete mess of the ninth," confessed Luna, who was featured in Golf Digest's 2002 girl golfers' model calendar.

"I made eight there so I was grateful for Giulia's double-bogey seven. Of course that set us back a bit, but it also made us more determined to play the back nine well and that's what we did."

England, with Laura Davis and Women's British Open champion Karen Stupples impressing the fans with their big tee-shots, were looking good at four under through 12 holes.

But they couldn't make any birdies on the run into the clubhouse and are bracketed on four-under 69 with Mexico (Lorena Ochoa and amateur Alejandra Martin Del Campo) and the United States (Beth Daniel and Women's US Open champion Meg Mallon).

France was disappointed to score a level 73, a round that included three birdies and three bogeys. Hosts South Africa (Laurette Maritz and 15-year-old South African Open champion Ashleigh Simon) opened with a 73.

This is the first true World Cup of Women's Golf, co-sanctioned by both the LPGA in America and the Ladies European Tour (LET). *AFP*

Phil raises Pro-Am lead

PEBBLE BEACH, California—Phil Mickelson followed his course-record 62 with a wild 5-under 67 for a four-shot lead over fellow southpaw Mike Weir in the second round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Friday.

After his remarkable first round at tough Spyglass Hill, Mickelson had more adventures at Poppy Hills that he somehow converted into birdies and pars, and a new 36-hole tournament record by two shots at 15-under 129. The previous mark was set by Matt Gogel in 2001 and Pat Perez in 2002, neither of whom went on to win.

He had a four-shot lead going into the final round last week when he won the FBR Open in Phoenix, and his four-shot lead after 36 holes at Pebble is the largest of his career.

Mickelson pulled his opening tee shot on No. 10 so badly that he had no choice but to pitch out sideways. That left him a 6-iron into the green, and he holed a 30-footer for par.

He hooked another tee shot on the par-5 12th, but it caromed off a tree and left him an opening for a 7-iron to the green and a simple two-putt for birdie. Then came an 8-iron that he had to carve out of the woods for another unlikely birdie.

By the time he made the turn, he was 5 under for his round and had a six-shot lead.

Weir, who has finished in the top four here the last two years, made an early charge to get to 10 under for the tournament, dropped two straight shots along the cliffs, then finished with three straight birdies, all of them from about 10 feet, for a 67 at Pebble Beach.

Kevin Sutherland had a 70 and Paul Goydos had a 68 at Pebble Beach to finish at 9-under 135. *AP*

Spurs down Nets, warm up vs Heat

TORONTO—Tony Parker poured in 27 points and Tim Duncan flirted with a triple-double to spark the San Antonio Spurs to a 101-91 win over the host New Jersey Nets Friday.

Duncan, back in the line-up after missing two games with a sprained ankle, contributed 16 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists while Manu Ginobili added 17 points as the Spurs warmed up in style for Sunday's showdown with the Miami Heat.

Vince Carter made San Antonio's task easier when he was ejected in the fourth quarter.

Enjoying his best game in a Nets jersey, Carter had a season-high 43 points but picked up a second technical foul following an altercation with Bruce Bowen.

The victory was the sixth in seven games for the Spurs, giving them the best record in the league at 40-11.

Sunday's clash with the Eastern Conference-leading Heat (38-14) is being hyped as a preview of the NBA finals.

In Charlotte, Shaquille O'Neal picked up 32 points and 12 rebounds as the Miami Heat eased past the expansion Bobcats 97-87 for their ninth win in 10 outings.

Damon Jones added 22 points for Miami while Dwyane Wade had 11 points and nine rebounds.

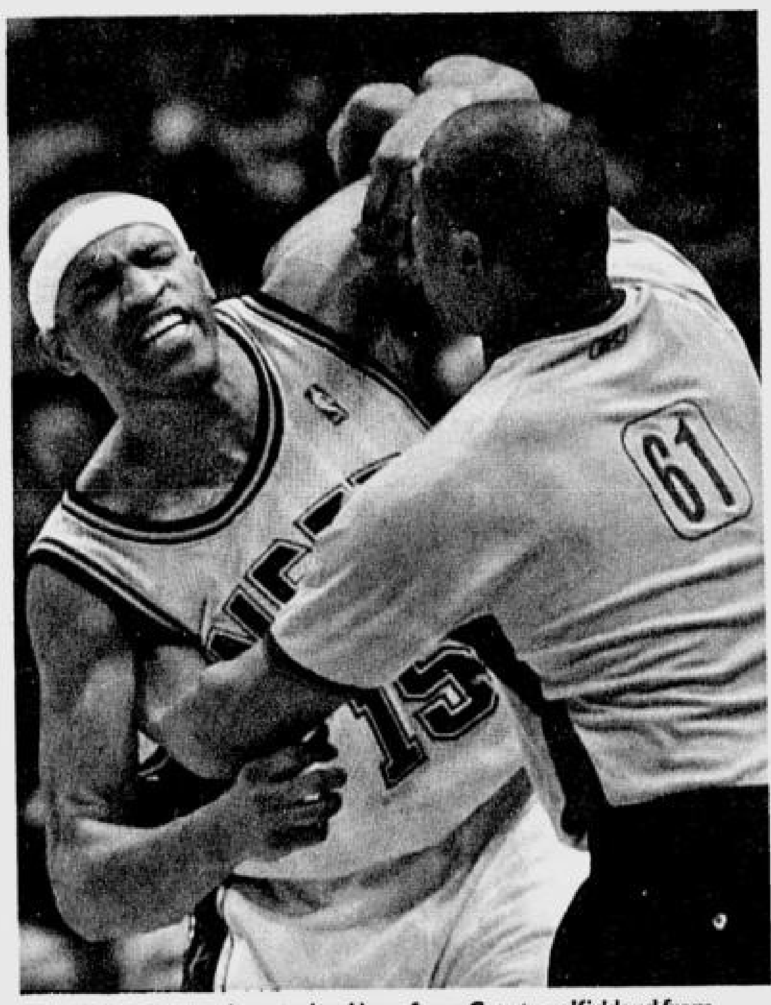
Charlotte rookie Emeka Okafor, back in the line-up after missing five games with a sprained ankle, registered 13 points and seven rebounds before leaving the game in the fourth quarter after suffering a recurrence of the injury.

In Phoenix, the Seattle SuperSonics received double-figure performances from seven players, led by 23 points from Rashard Lewis, to upset the Suns, 113-105.

Amare Stoudemire had a game-high 33 points for Phoenix and Steve Nash added 25 points and 14 assists as the Suns lost top spot in the NBA standings, one game back of the Spurs. *Reuters*

Complete results:

Houston 91, Indiana 83; Washington 94, LA Clippers 91; Philadelphia 106, Toronto 91; Miami 97, Charlotte 87; Boston 111, New York 94; San Antonio 101, New Jersey 91; New Orleans 111, Golden State 108; Denver 106, Cleveland 101; Memphis 88, Portland 82; Seattle 113, Phoenix 105; Utah 100, Minnesota 82; Dallas 115, Sacramento 113.



NETS' Vince Carter is restrained by referee Courtney Kirkland from going after the Spurs' Bruce Bowen during the fourth quarter Friday. AP

Tiger back next week

TORONTO—Tiger Woods will be back in action at next week's $4.8 million Nissan Open in Pacific Palisades, California, the Golf Channel reported on Friday.

The event will be the first for the former world number one since he triumphed at the Buick Invitational last month, his first strokeplay title in the US since the WGC-American Express Championship in October 2003.

Woods, who took time off following his Buick triumph to recover from the flu, has played the Nissan nine times but has never won at the Riviera Country Club. He was runner-up in 1998 and 1999.

Canada's Mike Weir won the title in 2003 and 2004. *Reuters*

Ryk breaks world mark

NEW YORK—South Africa's Ryk Neethling broke his world record in the men's 100-meter individual medley final, clocking 51.52 seconds in the opening day of the FINA World Cup meet on Friday.

Neethling eclipsed the 52.01 he swam last month at the World Cup in Russia.

It was the third time Neethling has broken the world mark in that event during the 2004-2005 World Cup circuit.

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Neethling wasn't the only person to break a major record. Sixteen year old Kate Ziegler shattered Cynthia Woodheads 25-year-old American record in the 800-m freestyle to claim her first World Cup title.

Ziegler's time of eight minutes, 16.32 seconds was more than two seconds faster than the former record of 8:18.77, which Woodhead set in 1980.

Ziegler, who won a silver medal in the same event at the Short Course World Championships in October, was more surprised than anyone at the record.

In the women's 100 breaststroke, American Tara Kirk won the gold medal in 1:06.52 with Tamara Sambrailo of Slovenia second in 1:08.99 and Canada's Lisa Blackburn third in 1:09.01.*AFP*

Mailman to deliver final mail

MALONE REUTERS

TORONTO—Karl Malone, the second greatest scorer in NBA history and twice league MVP, will announce his retirement after 19 seasons in Salt Lake City on Sunday, the Utah Jazz said.

Voted one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history, Malone ends his Hall of Fame career with 36,928 points, second on the all-time list behind only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with 38,387.

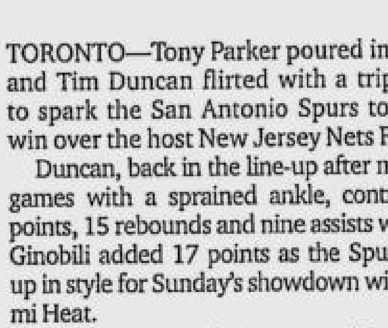
Known to basketball fans around the world as the "Mailman", Malone spent 18 of his 19 seasons in a Jazz uniform, teaming with guard John Stockton to form one of the NBA's most lethal partnerships.

Last season, in an attempt to claim the NBA title that had eluded him throughout his career, Malone signed on with the Los Angeles Lakers joining forces with Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and Gary Payton in what was supposed to be an NBA dream team.

But Malone's dreams of a title ended in a nightmare when the Lakers were upset in five games by the Detroit Pistons.

Malone underwent reconstructive knee surgery last year. He is one of only two players, along with Jerry West, to average at least 25 points in 11 consecutive seasons and the only player in league history to be named to the All-NBA team 11 times. *Reuters*

Miller time ends for Indiana Pacers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INDIANAPOLIS—Five-time National Basketball Association All-Star Reggie Miller will retire after the season, ending a career with the Indiana Pacers in which he became one of the league's greatest shooters.

"I just sensed that this is something he knows is right for him to do," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said Friday. "I'd love to have him around another year. This is one of those personal decisions you have to go with your gut on."

Carlisle spoke after telling the players about Miller's decision to retire after spending all 18 of his NBA seasons with the Pacers. Miller, who turns 40 in August, was at Friday's practice at Conseco Fieldhouse but did not speak to reporters.

Carlisle said Miller called him Thursday night to tell him before sister and Cheryl Miller, a member of the 1984 Olympic champion US women's team, reported his impending retirement on the television broadcast of two NBA games on the TNT cable channel.

Miller holds NBA records for most 3-point field goals (2,505) and attempts (6,321) and is the leading scorer in Pacers history with 24,685 points. He appeared in five All-Star games, 131 playoff games and the 2000 NBA Finals. *AP*

Agassi blasted off court by Melzer

SAN JOSE, California—With an impressive mix of power and finesse, No. 7 Jurgen Melzer breezed past second-seeded Andre Agassi, 6-3, 6-1, Friday night in the quarterfinals of the SAP Open.

Melzer faces Cyril Saulnier in one of Saturday's semifinal matches. Saulnier beat No. 4 Vincent Spadea, 6-2, 6-4, Friday.

Third-seeded Tommy Haas recovered from a first-set loss to remain unbeaten in seven career meetings against No. 8 Max Mirnyi, winning 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-2. Haas will take on either Andy Roddick or Thomas Enqvist.

Melzer dictated points with deep, hard groundstrokes and not letting Agassi—master of the same tactic—do it first. *AP*

WILLIAMS

Flu boots out Serena

PARIS—Top-seeded Serena Williams withdrew from the Open Gaz de France quarterfinals on Friday because of stomach flu while No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo advanced.

Williams, the Australian Open champion, had complained of feeling unwell after her second-round win over Stephanie Cohen-Aloro of France. Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova pulled out before the tournament because of a respiratory illness. *AP*

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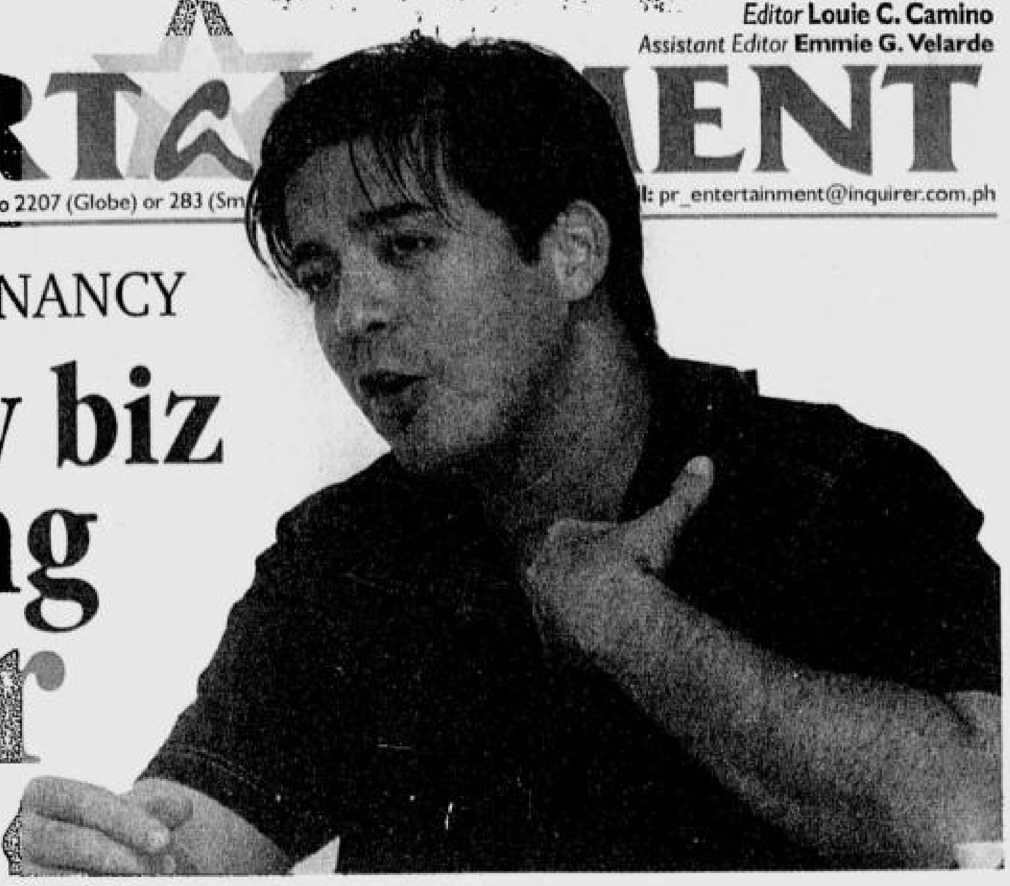
EX-STARLET'S PREGNANCY

Aga: Show biz getting dirtier



By Marinel R. Cruz

THEY did not ask me if it was true. They didn't even consider the fact that I have a wife and two kids whom that story might affect. This industry is getting worse. It's getting dirtier."

Aga Muhlach was fuming over another nasty show biz story of which he is again the protesting subject.

According to the story, Aga had made pregnant former bold starlet Olivia Ortiz in the '80s and that his family had ordered her to abort the baby.

In an interview on the show biz talk show "StarTalk" on GMA 7, Ortiz herself—now grown plump—said she decided to finally go public about the alleged pregnancy because she wanted Aga to pay back the money he borrowed from her years ago.

"This does not even pass for a dirty rumor," said Aga over lunch with reporters last Friday. "This is too much already. *Ang baboy na.* They should be ashamed of themselves. These people are merely after their own interests. They don't think about the consequences of their actions."

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'Ladies concert canceled'

THE CONCERT "Ladies of the '80s" featuring Tiffany, Taylor Dayne and Sheena Easton and slated for Feb. 11 and 12 at the Araneta Coliseum and Feb. 14 at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu, was canceled.

This was announced by Viva Concerts, which cited "reasons beyond its control."

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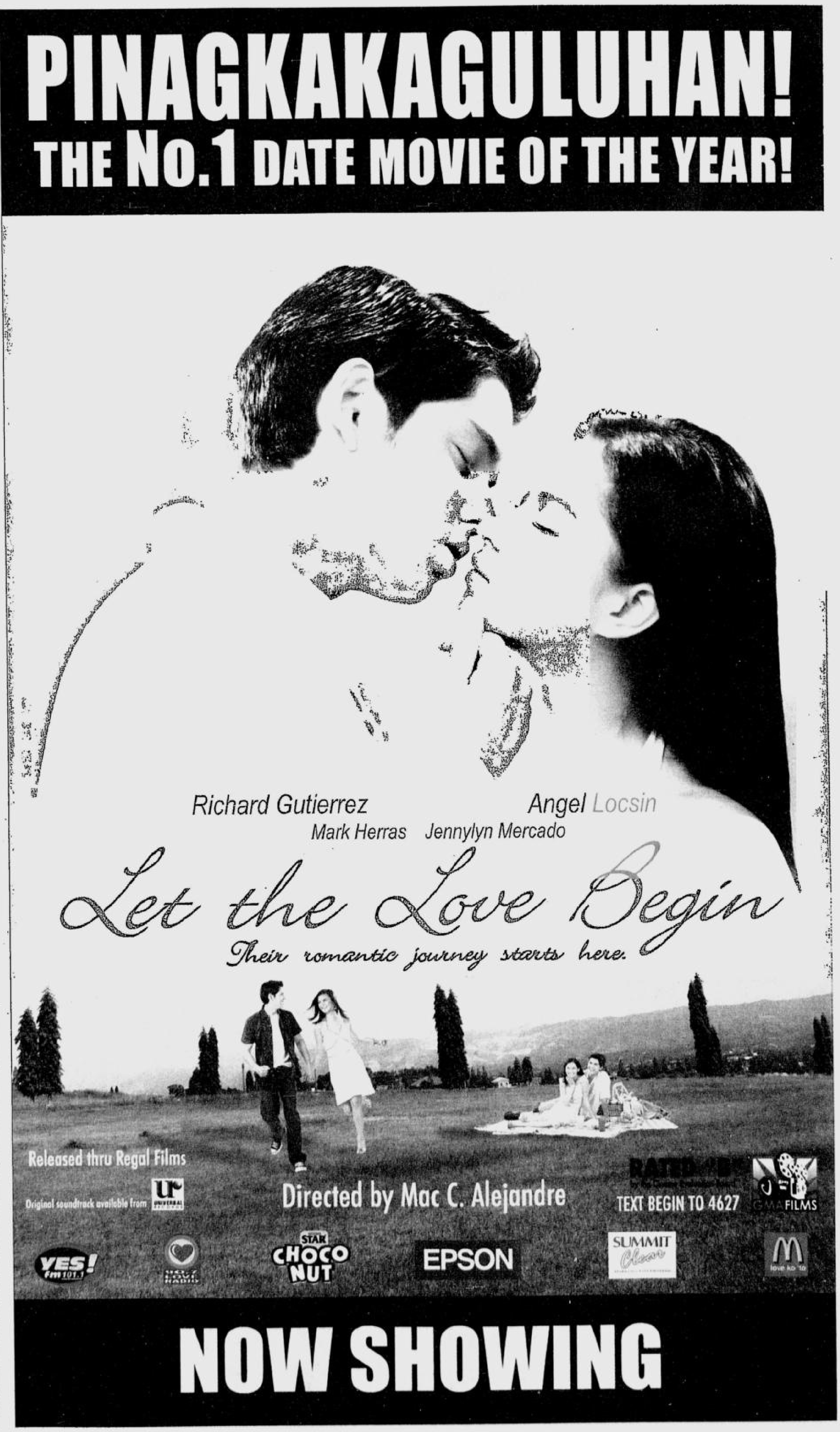

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1 ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13
2 MEET THE FOCKERS
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11 SHALL WE DANCE
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8 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
9 FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX
10 WITHOUT A PADDLE
11 MEET THE FOCKERS
12 DREAMBOY

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2 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
3 DREAMBOY
4 ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13

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1 RESERVED
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1 ELEKTRA
2 DREAMBOY
3 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
4 FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX

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sm city pampanga
1 DREAMBOY
2 A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT
3 MAD HOUSE
4 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
5 ELEKTRA
6 LET THE LOVE BEGIN

sm city baguio
1 MEET THE FOCKERS
2 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
3 KUNG FU HUSTLE
4 DREAMBOY

sm city batangas
1 FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX
2 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
3 DREAMBOY
4 SHALL WE DANCE

sm city dasmariñas
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6 ELEKTRA
7 RESERVED
8 IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

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1 MEET THE FOCKERS
2 HELLWOLF
3 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
4 ELEKTRA
5 DREAMBOY
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ATASHA and Andres, who appear with their dad in the new Jollibee commercial on television PDI PHOTO

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GP

2 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
11:25, 2:25, 5:25
8:20, 11:10
PG-13

3 DREAMBOY
10:35, 1:05, 3:35,
6:05, 8:35, 11:05
GP

4 LET THE LOVE BEGIN
11:35, 2:05, 4:35,
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GP

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PHANTOM OF THE OPERA PG13 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:30,10:20
DREAMBOY GP 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:35,10:00
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 R13 12:50,3:10,5:30,7:50,10:10
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MTRCB (PG - 13)
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④ SHALL WE DANCE
MTRCB (GP)
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Aga: Show biz getting dirtier

From page A2-1

Worst rumor

Another rumor, which circulated late last year, had said Aga and his wife, Charlene Gonzales, had ended their four-year marriage because the actor reportedly had an affair with Kristine Hermosa, his costar in Lauren Dyogi's "All My Life."

Aga's aunt, Amalia Fuentes, was accused of being the source of the separation rumor, which the feisty former actress denied with vehemence.

"That's the worst," Aga said of the separation gossip. "After that, nothing can shock me anymore.

"But I'm not angry," he hastened to add, despite his angry words. "You only get angry if you're guilty, and I'm not. I just hope *magkaroon naman ng kahit konting moralidad*. This is too personal already. *Bakit pinapatulan pa rin nila?*"

Aga said dealing with nasty rumors only made his marriage to Charlene stronger.

"I go home to my wife and children with a clean heart, without any guilt," he said. "I find strength in God. I'm very fulfilled. I turn down offers if they are in conflict with my time with my family. I'm not scared to lose my career for my family's sake.

"But I know it's not going to reach that point. All one has to do is seek balance."

Homebody

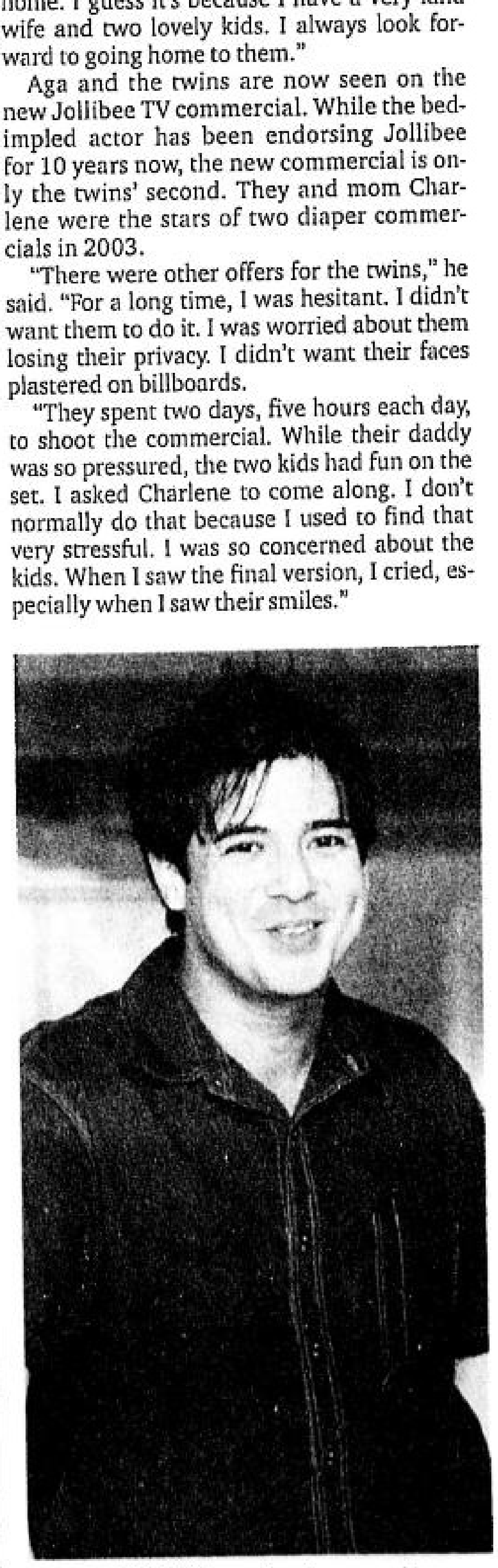
Aga said this is why he is contented with doing only one movie a year and on television only once a week, on "Okey, Fine, Whatever" on ABS-CBN.

"Unlike other actors, I don't feel insecure if I don't have work," said the father of 3-year-old twins Atasha and Andres. "I like staying at home. I guess it's because I have a very kind wife and two lovely kids. I always look forward to going home to them."

Aga and the twins are now seen on the new Jollibee TV commercial. While the bedimpled actor has been endorsing Jollibee for 10 years now, the new commercial is only the twins' second. They and mom Charlene were the stars of two diaper commercials in 2003.

"There were other offers for the twins," he said. "For a long time, I was hesitant. I didn't want them to do it. I was worried about them losing their privacy. I didn't want their faces plastered on billboards.

"They spent two days, five hours each day, to shoot the commercial. While their daddy was so pressured, the two kids had fun on the set. I asked Charlene to come along. I don't normally do that because I used to find that very stressful. I was so concerned about the kids. When I saw the final version, I cried, especially when I saw their smiles."



NOT GUILTY. "You only get angry when you're guilty." RYAN LIM

FDCP head addresses movie industry issues in Senate hearing

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

(Continuation)

IN THE course of her talk before the Senate committee on public information and media on Jan. 18, **Laurice Guillen-Feleo**, chair of the Film Development Council of the Philippines, cited a number of positive developments that help balance the movie industry's generally downbeat mood these days:

"A positive note is the feedback we've received, that while we have fewer active producers now, they have become more quality-conscious, as evidenced by the fact that more jobs are now being given to writers and directors of quality films.

"Another development is the entry of new independent producers and filmmakers who are actualizing a new scheme whereby the major actors and technical staffers invest their talent fees in the productions they work on."

In addition, the FDCP helps raise the quality of Filipino movies by way of various education, training and audience development initiatives. These include its support of two new film schools, the Asia Pacific Film Institute in Manila, and the International Academy of Film and Television in Cebu.

Guillen adds: "We have also developed, together with the guilds of the Film Academy of the Philippines and some independent filmmakers, a competency-based diploma course in film production, offering specialized subjects in filmmaking for students, and those already in the profession.

"We are likewise developing the Film Information System with the assistance of the National Computer Center. It is a centralized web-based directory of film services, which is our IT linkage with foreign destinations. Our website and FIS will be published in the Internet this month.'

Other developmental efforts of the FDCP are its regular consultations with industry stakeholders, in partnership with the Asian Institute of Management.

The ongoing process seeks to analyze the industry and its environment, identify problems and strategize solutions.

For the first time, the Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival will be held this July. This is the FDCP's endeavor in tandem with government and private organizations, to "discover, encourage and honor the cinematic works of first-time full-length filmmakers.

In addition, the FDCP is concerned about the preservation, conservation and restoration of the country's cinematic patrimony, much of which has been allowed to deteriorate, thus depriving new generations of Filipinos of the beauty and power of many of our past movie productions.

LAURICE Guillen-Feleo

To reverse this downward spiral, the FDCP has initiated talks with the Society of Film Archivist on the establishment of a national film archive.

Guillen further observes: "While these projects and activities are important, we know that they are not enough. Our vision is not only of a film industry that is not only viable and sustainable, but also globally competitive.

"There is so much yet that needs to be done in terms of providing more incentives, education, support and training, and less taxation. We are looking at the film industries of Thailand and Korea as models, because those countries are comparable to the Philippines." *(To be concluded.)*

'Fat Fiancees'

A MOST unusual documentary, "Fat Fiancees," presents a unique view of beauty and love on the Discovery Channel at 10 p.m. on Feb. 14. The documentary introduces viewers to a culture in which fat is beautiful.

Among the Bahima people of western Uganda, men measure a woman's attractiveness by her obesity, and a young woman is prepared for marriage in ways guaranteed to fatten her up, with the least possible activity and the most food.

By her wedding day, the young woman may be so fat that she cannot walk, only waddle. Once married, she is kept fat, rarely leaves home, and spends her days in sexual liaisons with a variety of men approved by her husband. Thus, the conspicuously consuming wife is both a symbol and an instrument of her husband's economic prosperity. One for the books!

'Chinese Zodiac'

AT 10 P.M. tonight, Animal Planet telecasts the one-hour special, "Animals of the Chinese Zodiac." The documentary pits the wisdom of the ancient calendar against 12 living, breathing animals and their human counterparts.

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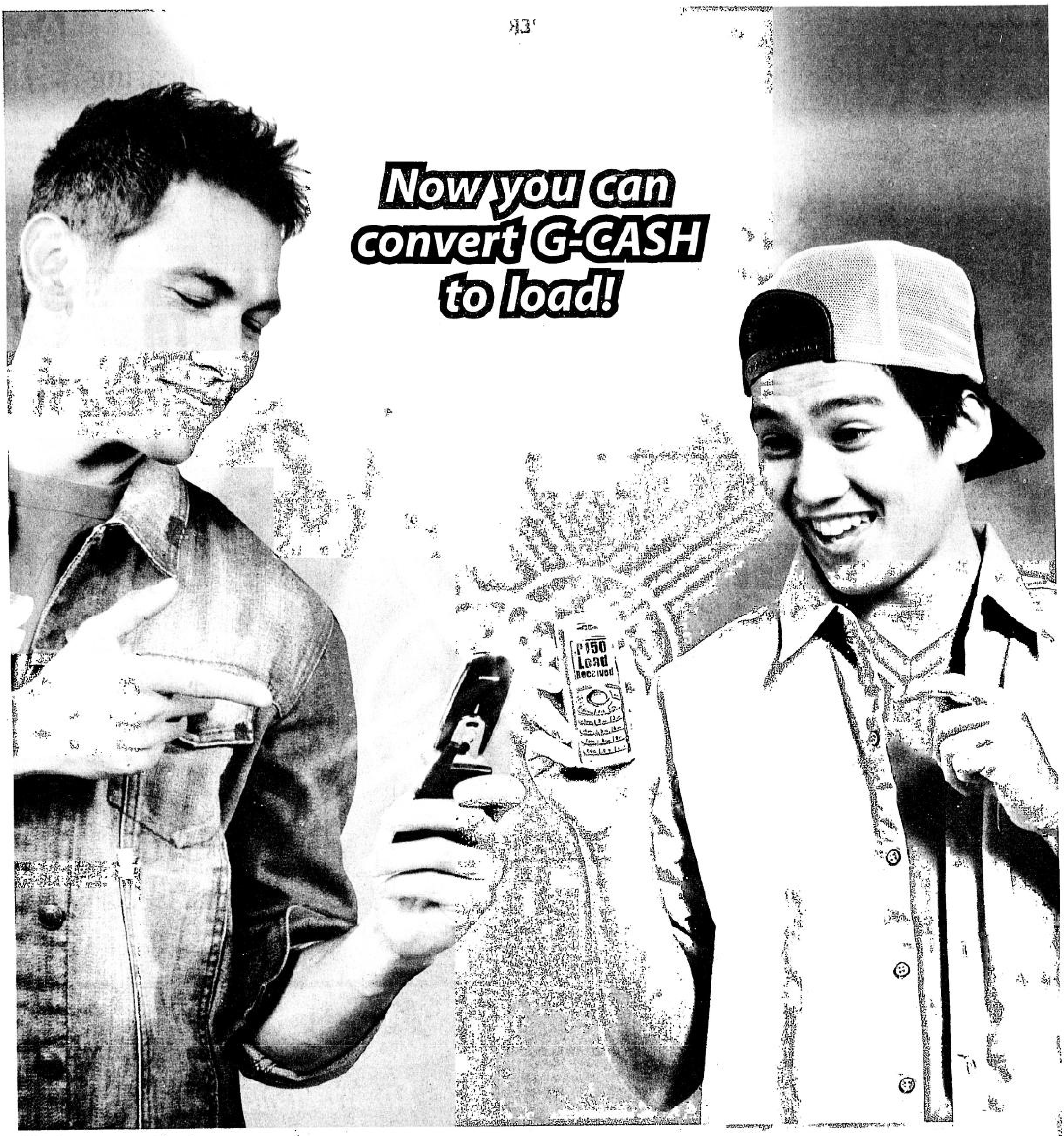
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MISSING BIBOT. Pinky Amador remembers woman excellence.

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AMADOR. Thanksgiving show

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By Marinel R. Cruz
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THEATER and movie actress Pinky Amador and former South Border vocalist Luke Mejares will share one thing in common when they perform in two different Valentine shows on Monday night: Their venues are in two malls that are part of the Star Mall chain.

Pinky performs tomorrow at 8 p.m., with Hajji Alejandro at the Activity Hub of Starmall in Las Piñas. Hajji will also perform with Cherry Lou at Cuba Libre at Starmall in Mandaluyong, while Luke and Kitchie Nadal sing at the Trade Hall of Metropolis Star in Alabang.

Aside from the performance venues being sister malls, Luke and Pinky's shows will be as different as can be. Pinky will be bringing to her show memories of love, while Luke will have hope in his heart when he performs.

Luke's life

In the case of Luke Mejares, everything seems to be coming up roses. Luke, who has released his solo album, is a loving husband and doting father to his 10-month-old daughter, Akeisha Mikkel.

But Luke admits he still dreams of working again with Jay Durias, his former band mate in South Border. "It is also my dream to record an album with songs composed, written and produced by Jay," he adds.

Jay is South Border's musical director and keyboardist.

Luke was South Border's front man for five years before he decided to go solo in December 2002. Though their separation was civil, tension remained from their split-up two years ago.

Luke accidentally bumped into South Border in a show last December. It turned out that he and the group would both perform in the same show. Luke saw an opportunity to settle the rift.

EX-CHICK BOY. Luke Mejares dreams.

"First, I talked to them one by one," recounts Luke. On the following days they were performers again in the same event until he was finally able to reconcile with all of his former band mates.

"I consider it the best gift I received last Christmas," Luke says.

Luke acknowledges he owes a lot to South Border, especially to Jay. "Jay taught me a lot. If not for him, I wouldn't mature in music."

"My first plan was to go back to Bohol or Cebu," says Luke, referring to the difficult decision of leaving the band. "I thought of going into a franchising business." That plan didn't happen.

He was afraid to sing again because of the negative reactions associated with him leaving the band. A month when after he stopped singing, he was asked to promote the song "Breaking Barriers," under BMG Records, for a toothpaste ad campaign.

He started to emerge again in the music scene—but now as a solo artist. "Slowly, because in my shows I was still being identified with South Border," he says.

To hide or not to hide

Another major turn in his career was getting married and being a father when he was just about to launch his first solo album. At first, he decided the baby and the mother should stay in the United States for a while to keep them away from the public eye. In the end, he decided to go

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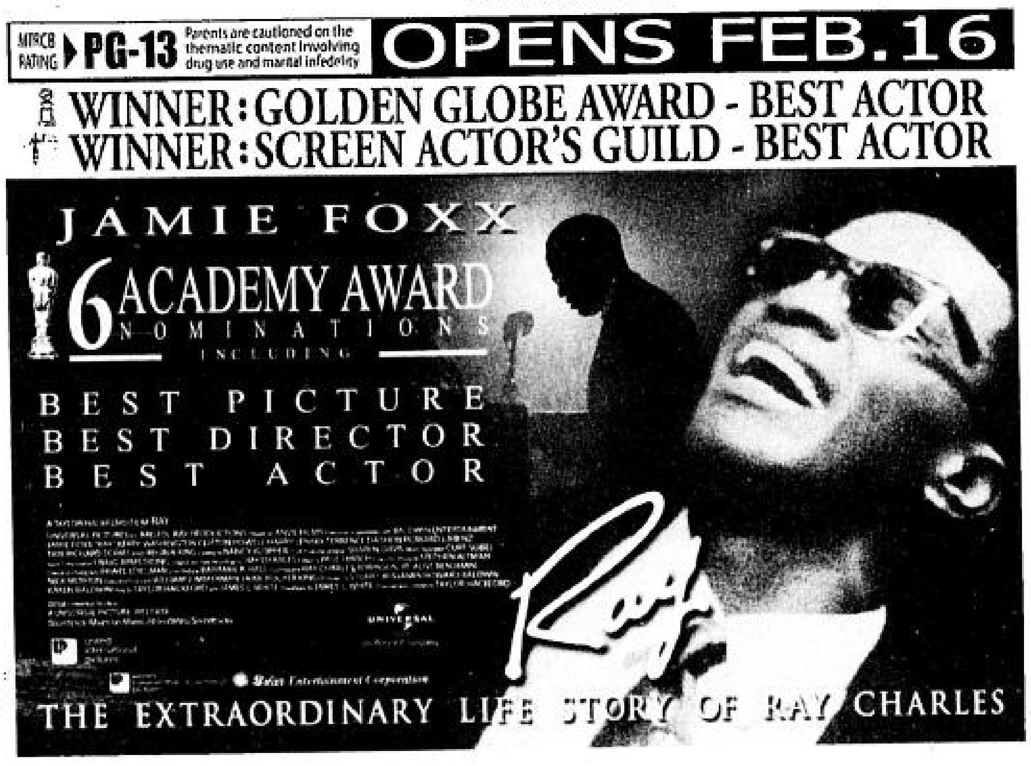
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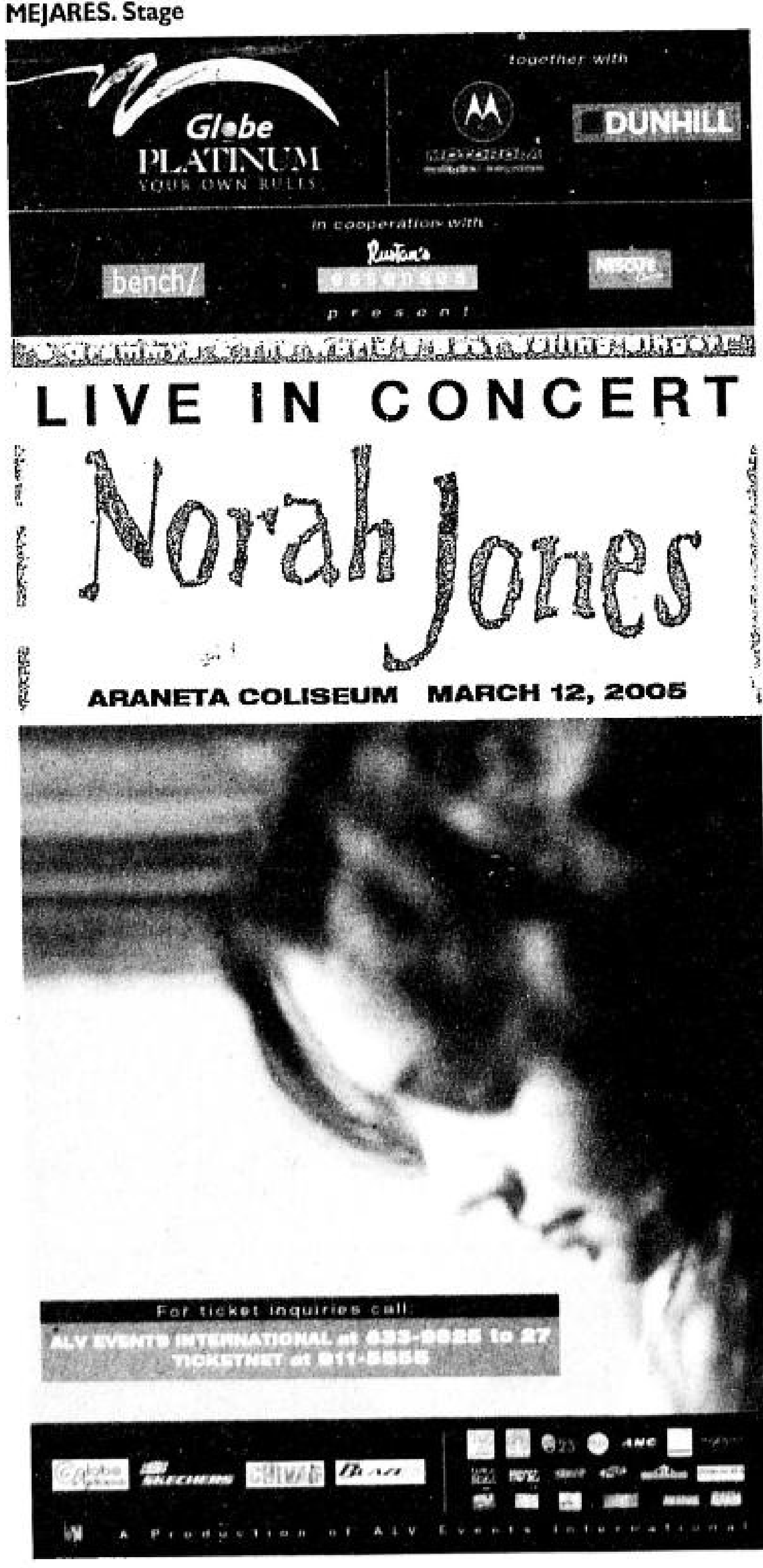
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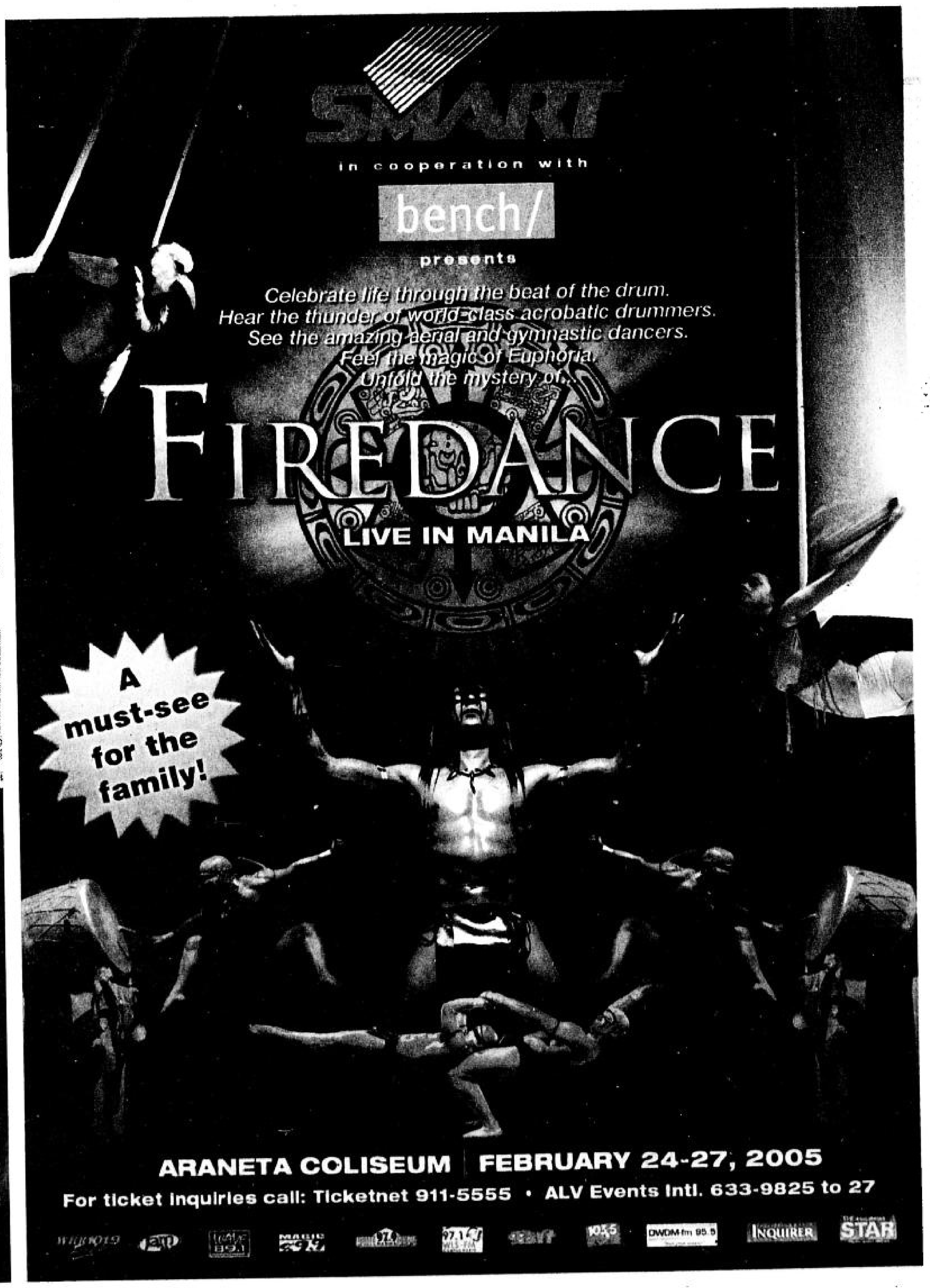
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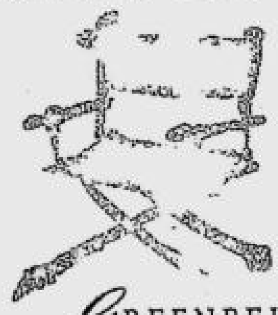

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public about his new status.

"Malaking factor *din 'yung* I grew up with an uncle and an aunt," he points out. *"Wala talaga akong* biological father. *Nahanap ko siya* two years ago *na lang."*

Luke says his life has more direction now as he works for the future of his child. His wife and his daughter live not in the US but with him in Quezon City.

If he can have his way, he would not allow his daughter to go into entertainment. *"Baka makahanap siya ng kagaya ko, chick* boy *dati,"* he says and then he laughs.

If his daughter would insist on pursuing a singing career, he would definitely be a stage father to her, he says. *"Hahabul-habulin ko siya saan man siya magpunta,"* he jokes.

Luke will perform with Kitchie Nadal in a Valentine concert tonight at the Metropolis Star Alabang.

Pinky's pain

"Performing in Repertory Philippines will never be the same without her," says Pinky, referring to her aunt, theater stalwart Zenaida "Bibot" Amador, Repertory founder and director who died of lung cancer last Nov. 28. Bibot was to have turned 72 on Feb. 8.

Only a few people were told of Bibot's illness in the beginning, and Pinky was one of them. "The first time I saw her since she became really sick, my eyes almost popped out of their sockets," the niece recalls. "I was shocked. She lost so much weight. But I didn't show her how affected I was.

"It's difficult because when someone is sick, you're also concerned about hospitalization, pain management and all that. And you're not thinking that it's going to be a national event, which in my aunt's case turned out to be. It was difficult, but what was more difficult was rehearsing the play after."

Pinky was the lead actress in the recent "Oh Romeo," the first play that Rep staged after Bibot died. "I played Juliet," says Pinky. "The story happened 30 years after Romeo and Juliet were supposed to commit suicide.

"I was very happy that we had great reviews and packed houses," she adds. "My aunt was supposed to direct that play. That was hard. It was like Rep was struggling to get back on its feet."

Pinky says Bibot taught her everything she knows about performing. "She was my mother, father, mentor, my everything."

Pinky says her *Tita* Bibot would always bring food for her whenever they were rehearsing a play. "She used to say that one of her greatest joys was to feed people. She would put food on our plates."

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Two very different hearts

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Weird thing

To Pinky, grief is a "very weird thing." It hit her at the most unexpected time, like when she was driving home by herself. "You've gone through the wake and the burial, everything is finished then all of a sudden you just cry when you're alone. You can't choose when you're going to grieve. You'll just suddenly feel that you miss the person."

What did Pinky take after Bibot?

"About work, I'd say passion for excellence," says Pinky. "That's her byword. She would always say that the person who really needed the money would always work and strive harder. I'm her example. She would tell people that Pinky is so hardworking, because she's never a spoiled brat."

Pinky's performance tomorrow will definitely be painted with shades of her love for and her thorough theatrical training in the hands of a woman of excellence. And that certainly makes a great combination.

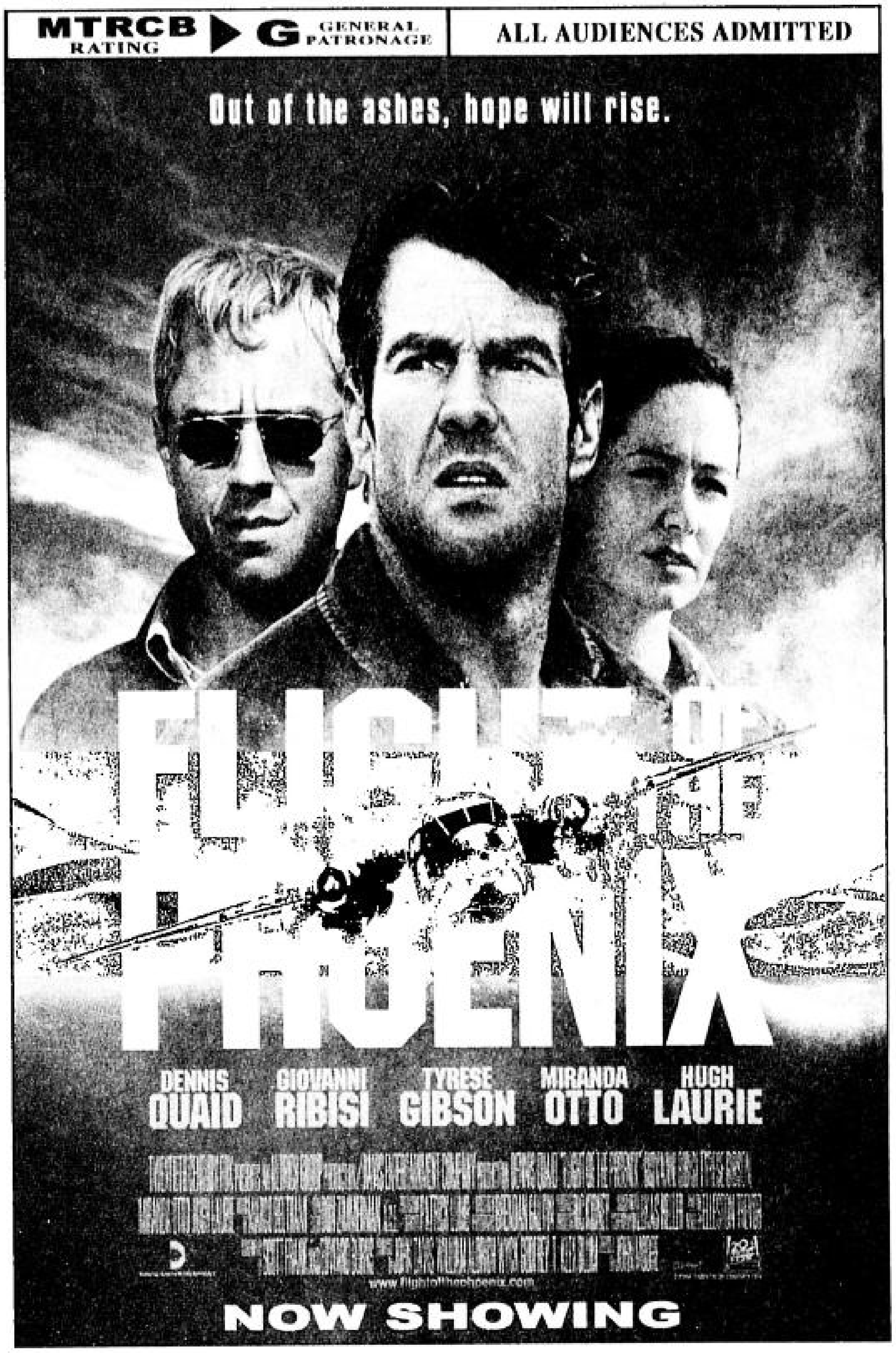
"This is my thanksgiving show," says Pinky. "People will see Hajji and me perform some standards, pop, and Broadway tunes. It will be a little bit of everything."

Cuba Libre

Cuba Libre, where Hajji is performing tonight, is a Latin-inspired bar and restaurant suited for the Filipino taste, according to TJ Cuenca, marketing manager of advertising and PR of CM Star, a sister company of the Star Group of malls.

"Our music is also Latin-inspired," says Cuenca. "We have an in-house DJ. The place can accommodate from 300 to 600 people. This used to be an entertainment place. We changed it because we want it to cater to a more upscale crowd. We asked interior designer Ivy Almarioto to help us with the design.

"This is our vision of a Latin bar," Cuenca adds. "We're on a soft opening. Sunday night's show will be one of the bar's highlights."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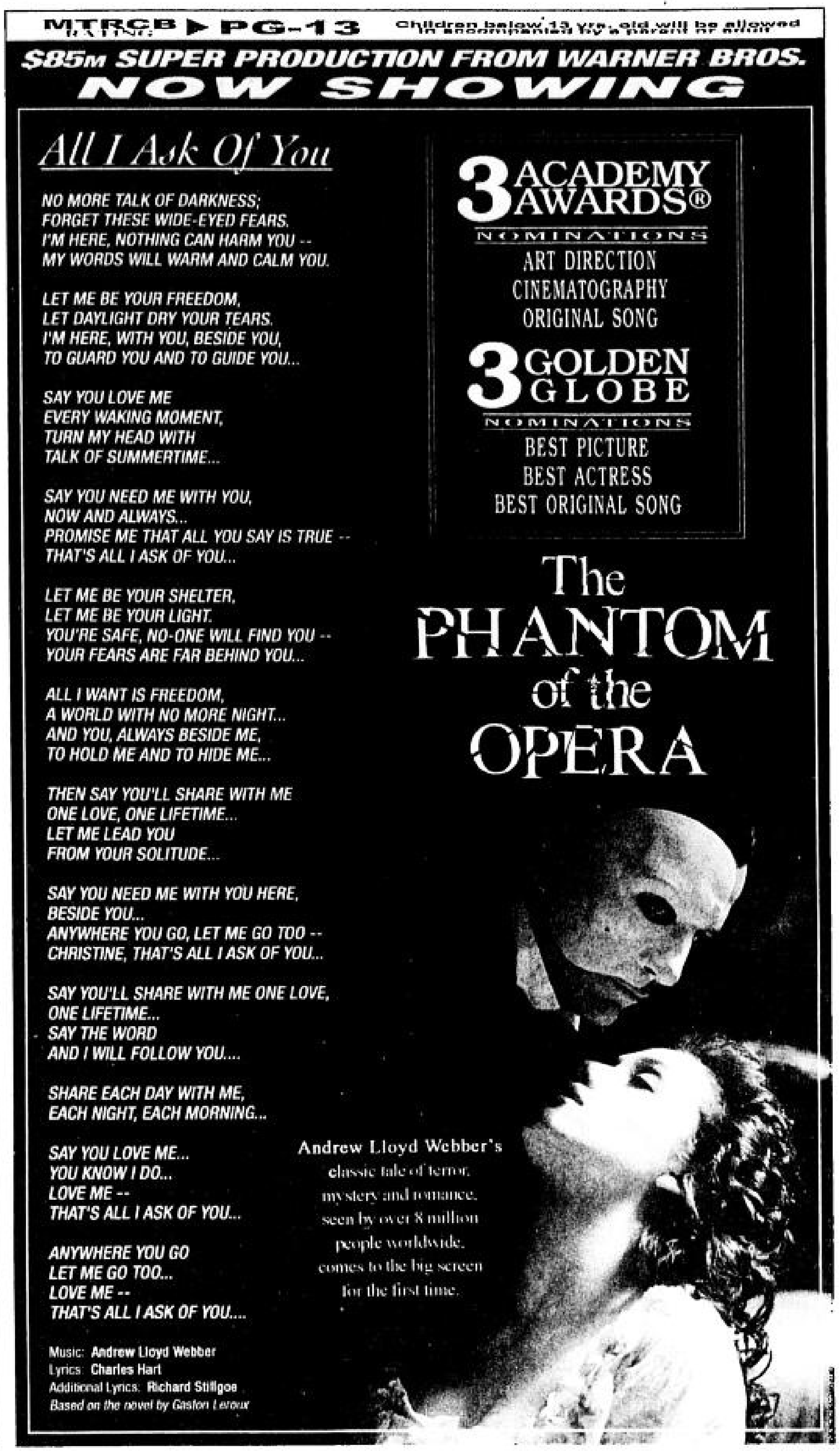
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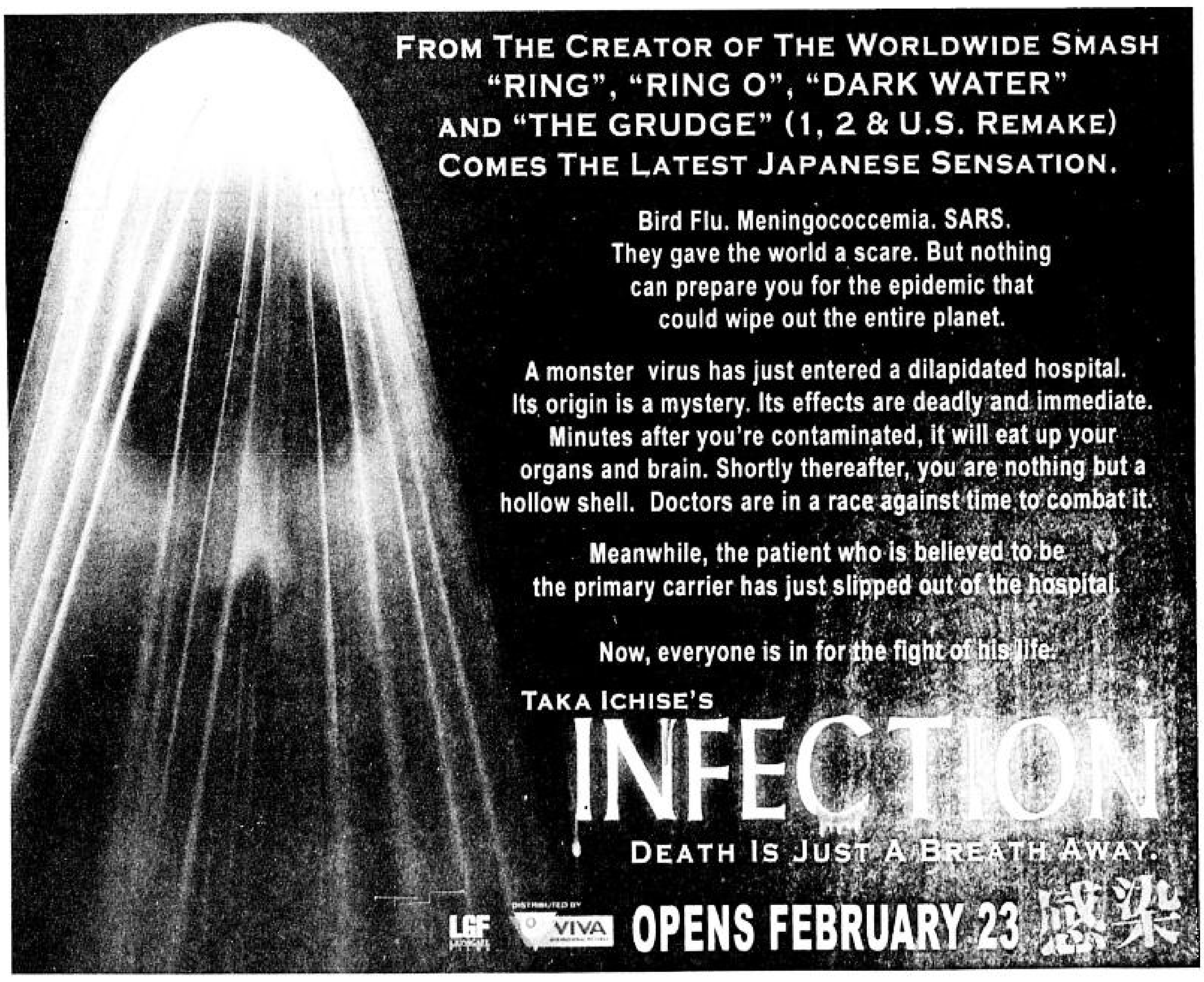
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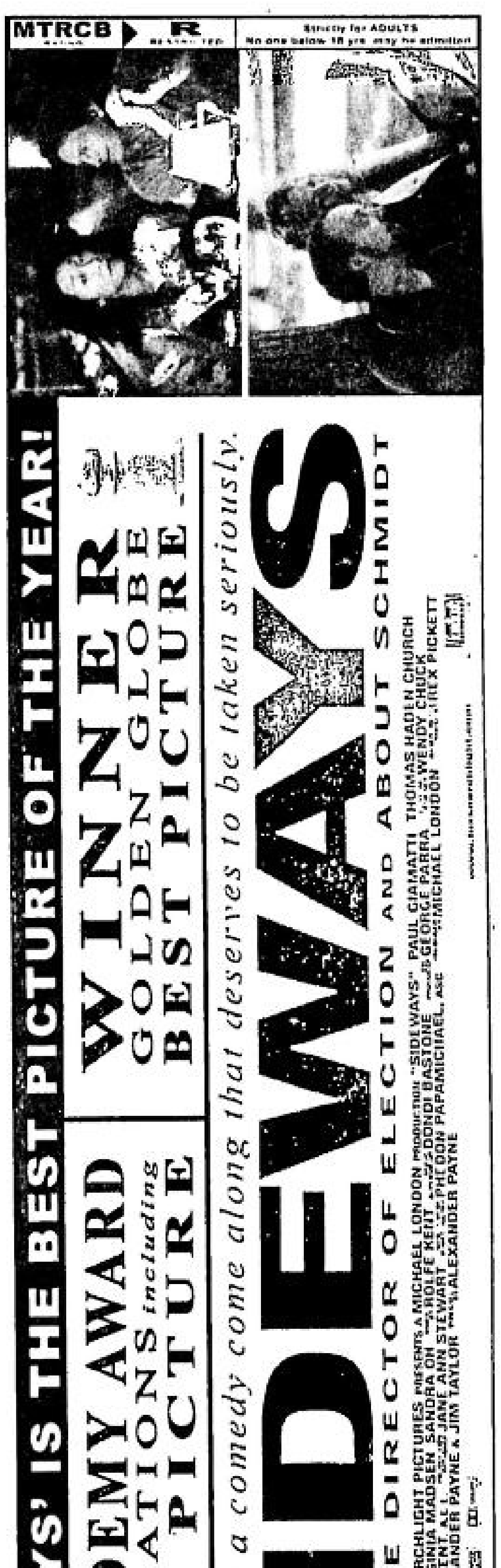
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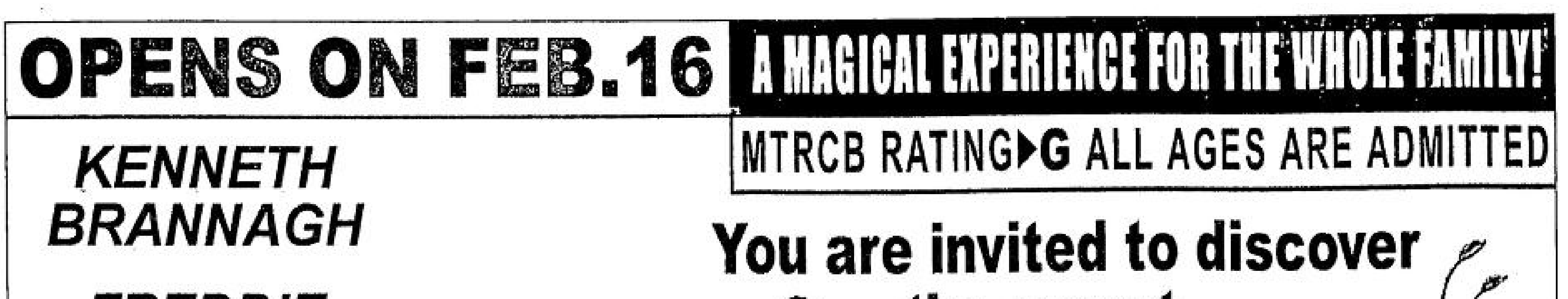
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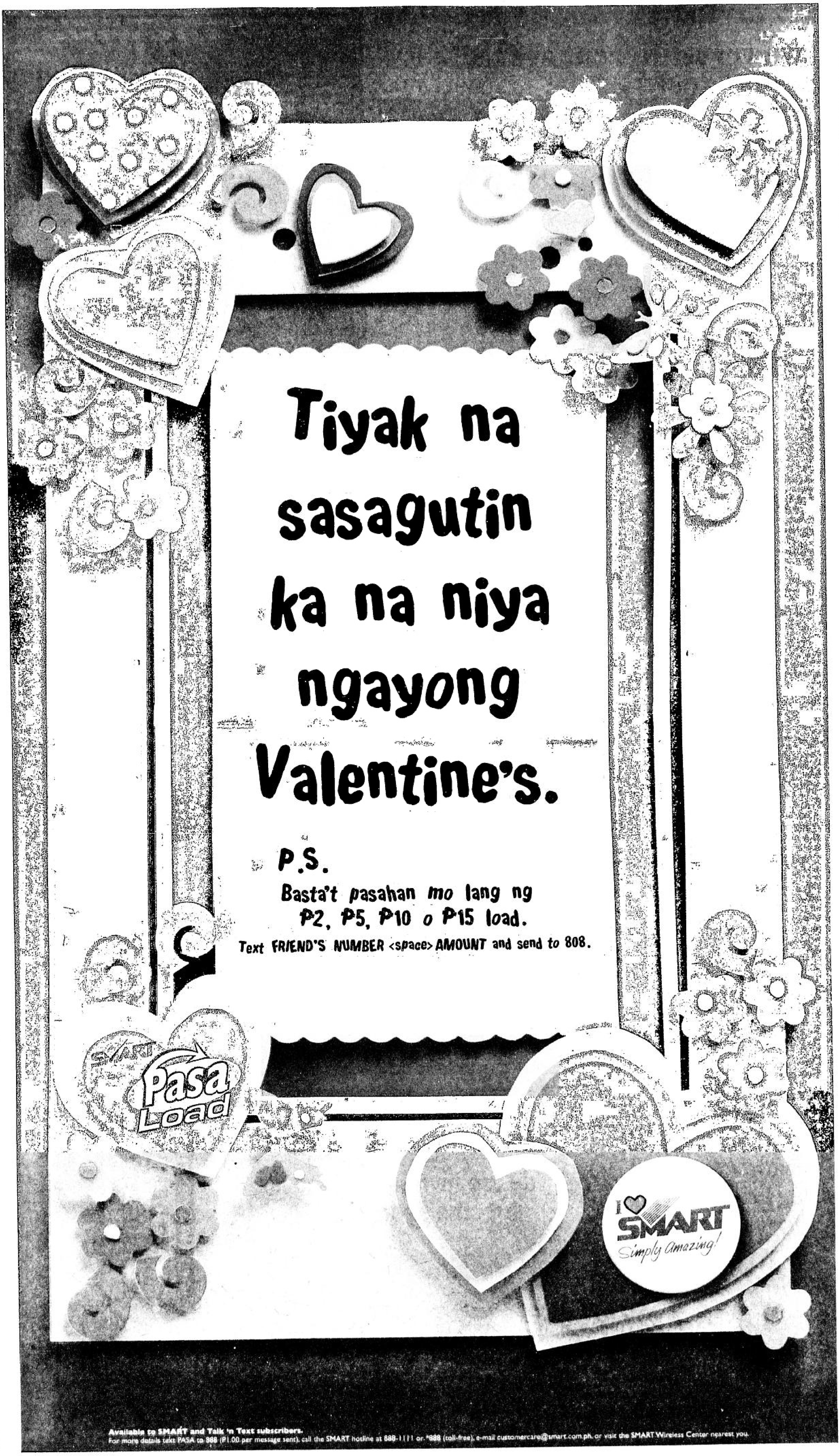

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WITH classmates at Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management (1988)

Persistence makes lady exec achieve her life's to-do list

Carol with father, Caddy Dominguez

FIRST job after Business School at Citibank, New York (1989)

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MA. CAROLINA V. Dominguez, president of leading management consulting firm John Clements Consultants Inc., loves it when a plan comes together.

While others left their destiny in the hands of fate, Dominguez took control of hers, using things-to-do lists that looked forward to the next 10 years.

Dominguez was still finishing her undergraduate studies at the University of the Philippines, for instance, when she told her friends that she wanted to work with Citibank NA one day.

Unfortunately, she graduated at a time when jobs dried up due to the economic and political upheavals following the assassination of Benigno Aquino Jr. in 1983.

She ended up working in her father's company. But that didn't last long as she was eager for a real challenge.

She got it in 1985, when after Unilever and Procter and Gamble rejected her applications for a marketing job, Citibank hired her as a management trainee.

Dominguez said she photocopied her first paycheck worth P4,000, and gave the real one to her mother.

It was a hefty check, considering that a meal at a fancy restaurant then went for just P100 per person.

"As management trainee, I was assigned to the most basic jobs, such as typing promissory notes, doing time and motion studies and helping do feasibility studies. I was even asked to plan parties," Dominguez tells SundayBiz.

She got what she wanted when she worked for Citibank, but then getting a business graduate degree from the United States was likewise on the top of her list.

15 minutes of fame

Thus, when she got accepted to the Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University in Chicago, she said her goodbyes to Citibank in the Philippines.

Dominguez only has pleasant memories of her graduate school days at the Kellogg business school, and she says it was there where she got her mythical 15 minutes of fame, when she organized the Taste of Kellogg festival of international students.

She was inspired, she says, by the Taste of Chicago festival where food and products from all over the city were brought together for the people to sample and savor.

She thought that a similar festival could be successfully mounted in Kellogg where there were a lot of international students. She was right.

The first Taste of Kellogg festivity was held in 1988, and it became such a huge hit, that it has been held every year since then.

"It became the biggest party in school. After that, everybody became my friend. Suddenly, everyone knew me," Dominguez recalls.

New York or bust

Those good days, however, had to come to an end, and Dominguez was left to tick off one more item on her list, which was to work in a big company in New York.

She sent applications to over 200 companies, got interviewed in 100, and got two to three job offers in Chicago, which she turned down.

For Dominguez, it was New York or bust.

She consoled herself by going to the bars that offered free beer for every rejection or "ding" letter.

"You could say I got a lot of free beer," Dominguez says.

Her future was suddenly looking bleak.

She had no job prospects on the horizon. Her student visa was about to expire, and her parents were begging her to go back home.

Dominguez, however, was persistent, to say the least, and so bent on getting to New York that she even thought of getting one of her classmates to marry her, just so she could stay in the United States.

Perhaps she was not meant to marry a classmate, for she got her long-awaited offer to work in New York, in Citibank again, as a management associate for trade finance.

Dominguez learned the ropes of trade finance over the next four years and got paid handsomely at around $60,000 a year.

$500-suits

She still wonders, though, how she ended that four-year stint with virtually no savings, although she did buy a number of $500-suits.

Dominguez says it was necessary to look the part as it was easy for minorities, particu-

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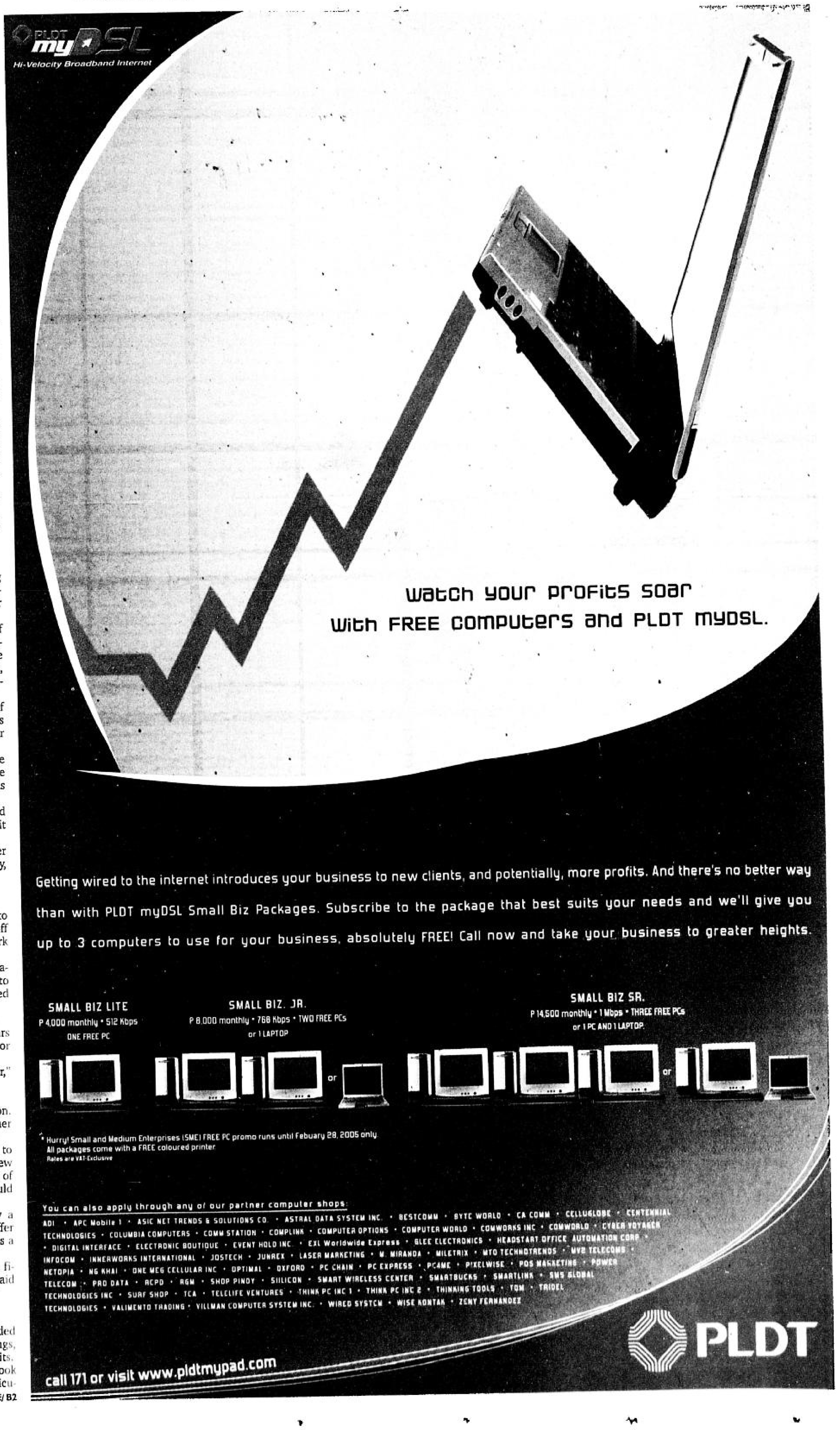
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ABACA ABAKADA

What does abaca have to do with daily Filipino life

By Dafort Villaseran
Contributor

YOU might not realize it, but the Albay Agro-Industrial Development Corp., or Alindeco, helps Filipinos get through their day.

Think about it as you set the filter in the coffee maker and light up a cigarette. After breakfast, you forget about it as quickly as you wipe your mouth with tissue, rush past the dining partition, and head on out to the garage. When the car finally grumbles to a start, you make a mental note to change the oil filter.

You punch in your time card and settle down to piles of folders, envelopes, and mimeographed sheets of paper.

At the end of a grueling workday, you skip the rush-hour traffic with a hot cup of tea, taking note of the lack of paper bills in you wallet. In between sips, you wonder once more how Alindeco helps you get through your day. Unfortunately, your train of thought is broken when a traffic enforcer in a gas mask signals that the light is green.

After paying your respects to the doormat, you plunk your bag among the sinamay-covered pillows on the sofa. As you switch it on, the light from the lampshade washes over the photo frames, spills over the woven carpet, and seeps into the native wallpaper.

Momentarily ignoring the placemats laden with pots of steaming goodness, you realize you still don't know how Alindeco is part of everyday Filipino life.

Should you even care? What does it matter that the company was incorporated on Jan. 24, 1974? Does anyone even give a hoot that the corporation has been producing abaca pulp sheets for more than 30 years?

Who cares

Well, some people do. The Japanese, British, Americans and Germans do. So do the French, Canadians, Spanish, Italians, Malaysians, Singaporeans and the people from Hong Kong. A recent abaca fact sheet, released last December by the Fiber Industry Development Authority (Fida), cites that exports of raw fibers and manufacturer-processed products amounted an average of $80.589 million. The Fida fact sheet further identifies Japan and the UK as the major countries importing raw materials while the other abovementioned nations import processed abaca.

Some Filipinos do care also about the abaca plant and abaca-processing plants like Alindeco. The abaca industry supports an estimated 1.5 million Filipino dependents. Industry sectors include farmers, licensed traders, exporters, cordage firms, licensed fiber-craft processors, and pulp manufacturers.

In particular, the residents of Malinao, Albay, do care that abaca, Alindeco, and all the support services these industries entail thrive in their vicinity. With skilled engineers, quality assurance staff, and well-trained administrative staff operating processes, abaca pulp manufacturing plant employs a workforce complement of 150 qualified personnel. The Alindeco facilities help keep Malinao, Albay clean, safe, and environment-friendly.

To produce abaca pulp sheets for domestic and international consumption, the Alindeco facility employs four production processes: raw material preparation, fiber classification, processing, and quality control.

In order to prepare the raw material, the abaca plants are harvested several times a year. Through either hand stripping or spindle-stripping, the fiber is then extracted from the abaca stalk. (It is crucial to note that 80 percent of abaca stripping in the country is done by hand; 20 percent is stripped by mechanical means, mostly in Leyte and Mindanao.) At the stage of classification, fibers are graded, cleaned, and prepared for processing. During the actual processing stage, the fibers undergo digesting, washing, beating, screening, drying, sheet formation, and sheet cutting. Each process passes through quality control analysis and evaluation. This guarantees the basic and physical strength properties of the abaca pulp are maintained. Another reason every stage passes through stringent quality control standards is to meet the standards specified by the clients. Once the process output is obtained, the pulp is weighed, wrapped, packed, and made ready for shipment.

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ABACA plant in Malinao, Albay

Abaca history

But, what's the big fuss about abaca anyway? Why are highly industrialized nations like Japan, UK, and the US interested in a humble member of the family Musaceae? Answers to these questions, perhaps, require a quick peek inside the skirts of Philippine history.

When Ferdinand Magellan landed in 1521, he was surprised to see our bare-chested ancestors already wearing cloth made of breathable fabric and sturdy sandals made of woven fibers indigenous to the islands. Since the *musa textilis* nee was suited to warm, wet climates rich with volcanic soil, it came as no surprise that abaca was intricately woven into our topless past.

In 1820, a US Navy lieutenant brought fiber samples to the States. Five years later, abaca was exported from the port of Manila. Until the turn of the century, abaca became the country's top export earner—earning the moniker, Manila hemp. With its superior tensile strength and proven durability under water, Manila hemp was the ideal material for marine cordage. Its tensile properties were three times better than that of cotton and other coniferous fibers. Moreover, it was more resistant to salt water decomposition than most vegetable fibers. In fact, it was the strongest of all natural fibers. Because of this, the US Department of Agriculture sent its top horticultural experts to cultivate the industry. Selected as the most ideal location, Davao became the heartlands of abaca growth in 1909.

At the close of World War I, the Japanese improved the method of cultivating abaca. They, too, found Manila hemp necessary for their navy and found Davao an ideal place for setting up plantations.

In the 1920s, America became alarmed that Manila monopolized the hemp on which the US Navy was dependent. The following year, US Department of Agriculture officials attempted to grow abaca in the Central American countries of Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and the Honduras.

Nevertheless, it was only at the end of World War II that another Japanese named Furukawa successfully cultivated abaca elsewhere, in Ecuador.

From either Ecuador or the Philippines, Manila hemp remained the principal raw material for the manufacture of rope.

With the incursion of oil-based synthetics in the '60s replacing natural fibers in traditional uses, the abaca industry suffered a slump and several farmers phased out their plantations.

In the 1970s, however, breakthroughs in technology and manufacturing processes led to new uses and markets, stimulating a renewed demand for abaca. Once again, Filipino businessmen became interested in domestically producing pulp. Even foreign investors transferred their pulp operations to the Philippines.

Biggest supplier

At present, the country supplies 84 percent of total global requirements with Ecuador being the only other commercial provider of abaca in the world.

Despite the fact that the abaca industry remains one of the country's major economic pillars in terms of employment generation and foreign exchange earnings, production remains low. This assessment is staggering considering that the industry generates some $80 million plus, per year. In order to increase production and revenue, the prevalence of diseases, typhoons, and drought must be addressed. Plantations cultivating low-yielding abaca varieties should simply change their crops. As in all successful businesses, entrepreneurial skills must be employed in the efficient management of farms. Most of all, more entrepreneurs should invest in this miracle plant that could help turn the economy around and unify the nation.

When it comes to abaca, Filipinos with different dialects and ethnic backgrounds end up speaking the same language. At present, abaca is grown in only 33 provinces. Arranged in no particular order, the top 10 producers are: Catanduanes, Southern Leyte, Surigao del Sur, Northern Samar, Davao del Sur, Leyte, Sorsogon, Davao Oriental, Western Samar, and Lanao del Sur. As can be seen, the abaca industry knows no geographical, cultural, or ideological boundaries. The only limiting factors are intelligence and investment.

And, the only divisive aspect about abaca is that there are those who can't tell the difference between the abaca plant and the banana tree. It's easy to mistake one for the other. The difference lies in the details of the leaves. Abaca leaves are narrower and shinier.

Banana leaves are less upright, less pointed, and less tapering.

Wouldn't it be better for the country to be known as an Abaca Republic?

Wait a minute. What does all that information above have to do with Alindeco being a part of your everyday life?

All you need to remember is that Alindeco-produced abaca pulp is used for paper filters, cigarette paper, sausage casings, tissue strengthener, partition material, automobile oil filters, timecards, folders, envelopes, mimeographed paper, stationery, wastebaskets, tea bags, currency notes, gas masks, doormats, handbags, pillowcases, lampshades, photo frames, carpets, wallpapers, placemats, coasters, hammocks, vacuum filter bags, and even diapers.

By now, you should realize that abaca pulp producing plants like Alindeco help Filipinos not only get through their day but also get to better days.

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Persistence makes ...

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larly Asians like her, to be overlooked and passed over for promotions in a giant company like Citibank.

"I had to learn how to fend for myself and to be aggressive. Over there, if you don't scream, you won't be heard. You have to demand a raise, demand a promotion. If you are going to be Asian and stayed in a corner, nothing will happen to you. I had to learn how to shout my achievements. It was tough," she says.

Dominguez found herself constantly bumping her head against a glass ceiling.

She was sure there was one, for she saw her blonde-haired, blue-eyed colleagues get promoted ahead of her, even if she achieved more, modesty aside.

She finally broke through it, however, when she was moved to Citibank in London.

Europe offered new opportunities for growth for Dominguez and she grabbed them all, including the chance to learn a new language.

By the end of her stint in London and later in Italy, she was promoted to vice president, and helped develop Citibank's trade finance portfolio in Italy and Scandinavia.

"Europe taught me about beauty and the finer things in life. There is such a thing as European flair. They really appreciate life, fashion and food," Dominguez says.

Dominguez adds that she found Europe more open-minded, and people there appreciated good work, with no regard for the skin color.

As such, her career flourished.

She credits a colleague in Europe for teaching her most of what she needed to know about trade finance.

It was hard work, she says, but learning literally by her side made it all worthwhile.

"I stuck by her side so I could learn everything. I went to the gym with her, ate with her, I even went to the bathroom with her," she says.

As much as she enjoyed Europe, she had to eventually slow down her pace.

She moved back to Citibank in the United States where she got involved in new sectors, such as oil and gas development.

Learning about the oil and gas sector was exciting, but Dominguez has found the prospects brought about by the Internet boom in 2000 even more so.

Joining dad

She quit Citibank and joined her father in developing their own business in the United States.

"I just realized that I spent over a third of my life at that time in Citibank. I wanted then to be an entrepreneur," she says.

EX-CITIBANKERS (1985)

The father and daughter team put up a company in the US that brought Filipino workers to the United States, showcasing their skills in information technology.

The business was just starting to really take off when 9-11 or the World Trade tragedy happened and business soured. The company switched to sending nurses, but it proved more difficult than they imagined, and they soon scaled down operations.

Then, Dominguez's father passed away in 2002 and finally, Carol went home to fill in the void left by her father's death.

She, however, had been gone so long that many people thought that she got her job just because she was a child of the owner.

"I get so offended by that, because I have my own credentials. When I left Citibank I was vice president, and I got there with no connections," she says.

Dominguez, however, has better things to do than dwell on what other people think, and one of them is helping put the Philippines prominently on the business process outsourcing map.

"My objective right now is to help the Philippines. I feel that this is my destiny, my role. I think I went through all my experiences to prepare me for what I am supposed to do here," Dominguez says.

She says that BPO offers great opportunities for employment here, and if the Philippines gets it right, it can get a big chunk of the jobs flowing out of the United States and Europe.

Dominguez feels that with the support of other players in the industry, she can help the country tread on the right path to take advantage of the BPO boom.

"If I was able to build the markets in Italy, Scandinavia and the United States for Citibank, then I should be able to sell the Philippines to the world," Dominguez says.

That is her plan. And if her track record is anything to go by, she just might do it.

From vegetable vendor to flea market king

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

SMALL and medium enterprises (SMEs) continue to offer bright financial prospects to the national economy.

The popularity of SMEs owes much to the success attained by local entrepreneurs.

Once such entrepreneur who has made it big—from a struggling vegetable vendor to a renowned trade and event organizer—is Henry G. Babiera, credited for his relentless effort to turn a high-end shopping center, the Greenhills Shopping Complex, into what is now being regarded as the "Divisoria of San Juan."

Babiera has come a long way. Born of impoverished parents in Cotabato where as a young boy he used to peddle vegetables, going from house to house using a dilapidated *kariton*, to help in his family's daily needs, he recalls with amusement that his stuff was "remnants of fresh, neatly bundled veggies that I often asked from vendors. *Yung mga pinagtapyasan, halos itatapon na lang. Isa-isa ko silang nililinis at inilalako*."

When the family transferred to Davao to seek greener pastures, he continued with the same occupation, but without forgetting his studies. Poverty and hunger hardened his resolve to someday bring comfort to his parents and nine siblings.

"We were poor in material gain, but rich in the things of spirit," Babiera says, remembering how his journalist-father inculcated in their young minds love of country and the appreciation for its rich culture and heritage.

Finishing a course in marine engineering through self-support, he was hired as a seaman, a job that brought him to several foreign lands. He saved his salary, buying art and antique pieces in every port, giving vent to his artistic inclination. He also saw the proliferation of flea market (*tiangge*) abroad.

"*Nakita ko na click sa Asian cities ang mga tiangge, at mabili ang mga souvenir items produced by their local craftsmen, kaya sabi ko sa sarili ko, kung click dito, siguro mas puwede sa Pilipinas dahil mas artistic ang mga produkto natin*," Babiera says.

In 1986, having experienced loneliness as a seaman, he resigned to put up his own group, the Prime Asia Trade Planners and Convention Organizers, and readily offered the flea market concept to the management of the Greenhills Shopping Complex who, sensing a good business prospect, gave him the go-ahead right away.

Early stall owners were mostly his longtime friends whom he encouraged and helped to start a small business. "*Kung minsan ako pa ang nagpapautang para pambayad sa puwesto nila.*"

The Greenhills Shopping Complex has grown—from 10 stalls in 1986 to more than a thousand today, selling cheaper but quality items than the ones found in boutiques or department stores. Rich or poor, young and old, flock to the easily accessible complex to get a good bargain.

As a mode of brisk selling, flea market has finally caught on in the country. Kiosks of all forms—makeshift, stall-type, side by side tables—cater to customers who prefer to haggle for quality items.

In the ensuing years, the 48-year-old art patron became known as the "King of Tiangge." This, he credited to his "*sipag at tiyaga*," two traits that he swears every Filipino should be guided by.

When he first thought of embarking on the tiangge-type of selling as a means of encouraging the growth of entrepreneurship, Babiera heavily banked on the Filipino traits of being patient, practical and a wiser buyer. Any Filipino, whether rich or poor, would always want to get his or her money's worth, he says.

"I believe that Filipinos should have the guts to start a business, no matter how small, especially in these times when jobs are scarce, and if they have a job, there's no security of tenure," Babiera stresses, adding that "everyone should take the risk, *lakas ng loob ang kailangan*."

Another big challenge faces Babiera. Greenhills Shopping Center in partnership with the Las Islas Trade Consumer Show Organizer with Babiera as its chief executive officer launched the premier shopping destination in the country, Tiendesitas en Frontera Verde (small villages in a green frontier) along C-5 near the corner of Ortigas Avenue in Pasig.

The 18-hectare land will later bring the recognition of the Filipino-made products in the world market.

Small entrepreneurs from 18 regions can now invest their own businesses here. At an affordable rental fee compared to malls, these Filipino artisans display their craftsmanship and creative ideas. There will be more jobs for Filipinos that would capitalize the macro industry as a way of recovering from the economic decline. Almost 1,500 stalls will soon operate to build a strong foundation for more than 1,000 families in hand.

Tiendesitas is composed of different villages such as Philippine crafts, arts and antiques, pets and garden needs, food, sweets and delicacies village. In addition to these, footwear, leather goods and garment village complete the projected aura of the flea market.

HENRY G. Barbiera (center) during the launch of Tiendesitas, Asia's biggest flea market, with Joey F. Mendoza, Greenhills Shopping Center general manager, and Lotta Soller, specialist and marketing manager of the center.

Community within a hotel; packing tip

By Sandra Garcia
Contributor

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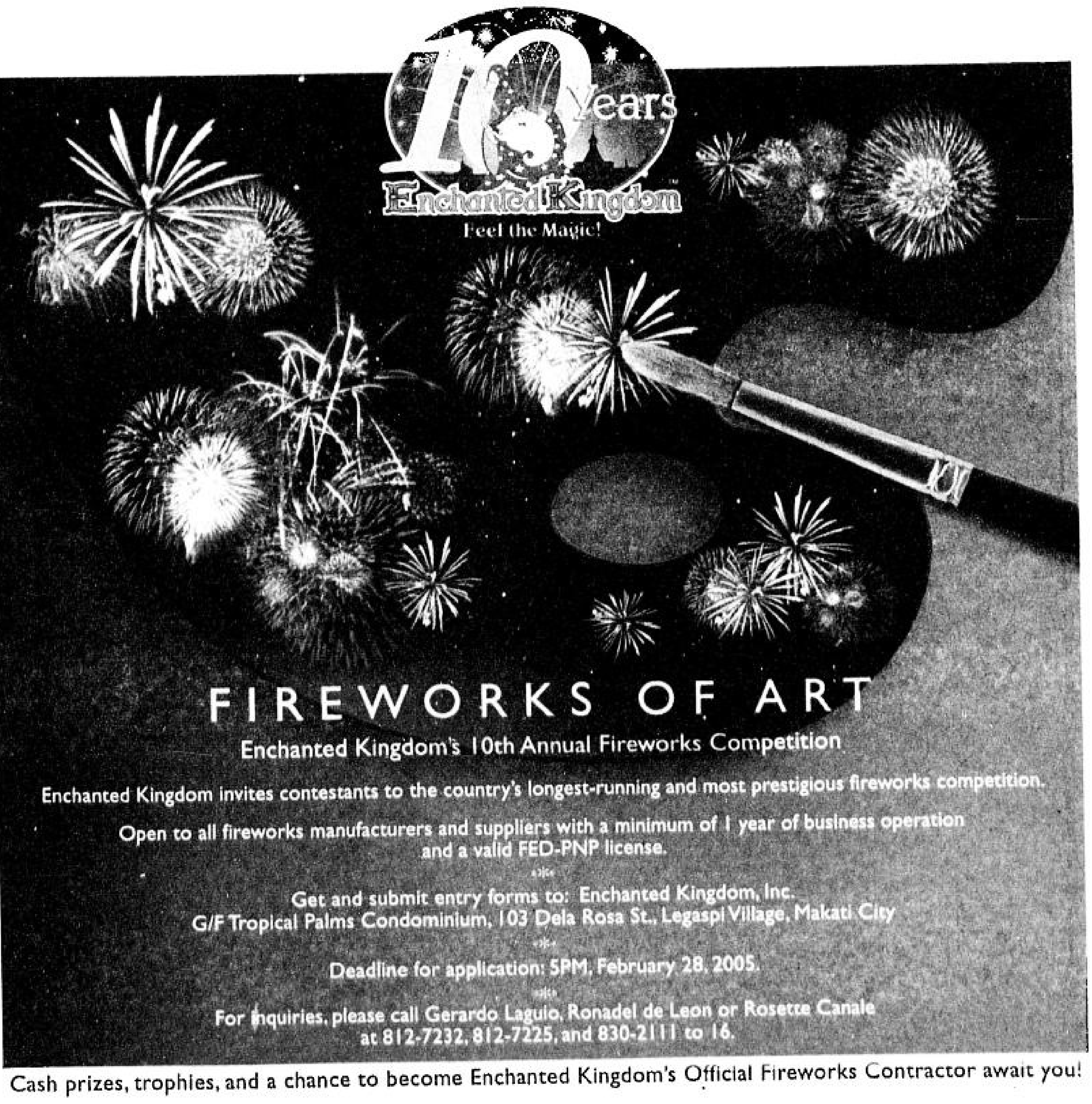

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Philamlife joins fight against cancer

PHILAMLIFE, the largest and most diversified life insurance company in the country, along with many volunteer groups and partner corporations all over the country took part in the recently concluded first ever Relay for Life event in the Philippines held at the Philippine Sports Arena (Ultra) football field in Pasig City.

Organized by the Philippine Cancer Society Inc (PCSI), the Relay for Life commenced with the organization of teams from different volunteer groups given the task to raise a certain amount of money to be donated to PCSI during the day of the Relay itself. The first few months of the event therefore was dedicated to the fund-raising activities of almost 200 teams organized for the Philippine Relay for Life.

The culminating activity was a gathering of organized Relay for Life teams taking turns walking or running laps in a track and field area committed to fight the deadly disease. The fun-filled, overnight event features a program of celebrities, important personalities and cancer survivors all there for a common purpose of celebrating life and providing support for cancer victims.

Relay for Life, thus, represents the hope that those we lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be sustained, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

Being an active member of the board of PCSI, Philamlife president and chief executive officer Jose L. Cuisia Jr. along with the whole Philamlife family vouched an active participation in this endeavor by raising more than a million pesos for the Relay and organizing 20 teams from among the Philamlife agents, employees and affiliate companies. Volunteers from the Philam Group were a strong presence at the event and provided a very dedicated spirit during the event, celebrating life with all its triumphs and losses.

Relay for Life is a signature event of the American Cancer Society (ACS) aimed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money through teams for the research, education and cure of cancer. This event started in 1985, founded by American doctor Gordy Klatt, a surgeon and avid runner. He took the first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Washington, raising $27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. And over the last 18 years, Relay for Life has spread to 3,800 communities in the US and eight foreign countries. The Philippines is only the second Asian country to participate in the worldwide event.

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NESTLÉ CABUYAO TURNS OVER DONATED CLASSROOMS

The Nestlé factory in Cabuyao, Laguna formally turned over two new classrooms to the local Baclaran Elementary School. Nestlé donated the classrooms through the 'Classroom Galing sa Mamamayang Pilipino sa Abroad', a joint project of the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) , Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) and the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce that seeks to tap the resources and sense of social responsibility of Filipino communities abroad as well as local organizations and private companies. Nestlé Cabuyao HR head Rey Maniego represented the factory during the turnover.

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FOOTWORX-STA. LUCIA IS OVERALL KARATEDO CHAMP

Footworx-Sta. Lucia karate team stays unbeaten for the last five years as overall champion of the All KDA Karate Championships. KDA chief trainer David Lay (standing, left) poses with some of members of Team Sta. Lucia who competed in the 5th All KDA: (seated from left) Rainer Angelo Lim, Patricia Angela Lim; Kenneth Cuden, John Angelo Gerard Calbario, Pamela Pilapil, Kianna Cardeno, and Charles Bonagua; (standing from left) Kristel Ricarte, Aliza Concepcion, Rachelle Cuden, Carenlia de Castro, Reden Cuden and Jerome Carandang, team captain. Footworx-Sta. Lucia is located at the 3rd level of the Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall in Cainta, Rizal. KDA has 22 karate clubs in Manila, Quezon City, Pasig City, Muntinlupa City, Makati City, San Juan and Cainta, Rizal. The KDA headquarters, the National Center for Karate Education, is located in Pioneer, Mandaluyong City.

'Let's Talk Girl' conquers Cebu

PH CARE, the No. 1 intimate wash of the country recently conquered Cebu through it's free symposium on proper feminine hygiene dubbed as "Let's Talk Girl".

Amidst the height and excitement of the Sinulog Festival, pH Care was warmly received by the Cebuanos and the activities were not only well attended but in fact it was highly recommended by both school and industry administrators. Among the schools included in the Cebu leg were University of Cebu, Abellana National High School, Cebu Institute of Technology and Basak National High School. Feeders Apparel and Metro Wear Industries of the Mactan Economic Zone were also visited along with Barangay Suba and Barangay Pasil for the Municipal sector.

It was the last quarter of 2004 when pH Care decided to launch the project. The primary objective is to educate the female population about proper feminine hygiene and at the same time conduct free consultation with the guest medical professional/gynecologist. And because of its success last year, pH Care decided to widen the scope of the activity in terms of population and location. "Let's Talk Girl" increased its reach by adding the female population from the Industrial and the Municipal sector to the existing population from schools and universities.

The symposium and the medical consultation were conducted by the different gynecologists and obstetricians of the different medical societies of Cebu. Among them are the mother-daughter tandem of Dra. Judith and Dra. Cherish Songco and Dra. Josephine Evao.

pH Care and "Let's Talk Girl" will be conducting the same activity together with the medical professionals as they visit schools, industries and barangays in the different key cities of the country throughout the year. And this February, they will be visiting the "City of Smile " - Bacolod, to conduct the activity.

To know more about the activity call Ad Staunch Communication Network at (02) 550-1732 or email at events@compass.com.ph.

SMC, MSI-DIGILAND AWARD 2005 STAR PARTNERS

MSI-Digiland Phils, the country's leading IT distributor and SMC Networks Asia Pacific, known for advance communication products, recently awarded 30 Star Partners that will be retailing to end-users the SMC line of products for connectivity and Internet access solutions. This year, SMC will be introducing a full line of data and telecommunications solutions like Wireless USB Adapter, Wireless Bluetooth USB Adapter, Wireless Router, Gigabit Card, Standalone Switches, and Stackable Switches for both Small and Medium Business Enterprises and Large Corporations. Photo shows Irwin Fernandez of Icon Solutions (one of the awardees) with SMC Networks Asia Pacific product manager Sum Kok Meng and sales manager Vincent Sim.

Teachers love 'Mind Mapping'

A HUNDRED and seventy four teachers and administrators from several private and public schools gathered at the CAP headquarters in Lipa City, Batangas to attend a whole day session on "Planning, Preparing and Facilitating Enhanced Learning through Mind Mapping" by Buzan licensed trainer, Raju Mandhyan.

They laughed through every interaction with their colleagues, they learned how to clarify their own thoughts, add creative twists to their plans and use a multi-sensorial approach to increase retention and recall of new information and knowledge. The event was organized as an annual treat to the teachers by St. Mary's Publishing Corp; which supplies quality educational and thinking intensive books nationwide.

Several of the teachers who also bought the book, "The Heart of Public Speaking" by Raju Mandhyan, said the book which makes public speaking a cinch is easy to read and is also full of heart-warming and inspiring which tie up communications and leadership in fun-filled, creative way. The book is available at all major bookstores nationwide. For details, log on to www.mandhyan.com

NEW ACPAPP DIRECTORS

The 2005 Board of Directors and Officers of the Association of CPA's in Public Practice (ACPAPP) was recently inducted into office at the New World Hotel by PSE president Francis Lim. The directors were led by Greg Navarro, incoming president (2nd row, center). Other directors in photo (2nd row, from left) are Roy Odsinada, Tonton Constantino, Ric Manabat Rey Altre and (1st row, from left) Mel Ileto-Sibayan, Tess Dimaculangan, Fely Abad, Monette Tolentino and Arleen Aclan. Not in photo are Alex Cabrera, Irving dela Cruz, Luis Cañete Florante Elizalde and Arlyn Villanueva

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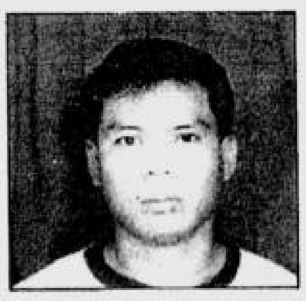

Please be informed that a **Warrant of Arrest for the Crime of Qualified Theft** has been issued by the Regional Trial Court of Iloilo City in Criminal Case No. 01-539950 against **Mr. Joey Divinagracia,** whose picture appears above.

Kindly convey any information on Mr. Divinagracia's present whereabouts to **Siguion Reyna, Montecillo & Ongsiako Law Offices** [Attention: Atty. Alvin C. Batalla], 6th Floor, Citibank Center, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1226, with **Tel. Nos. 810-0281 to 90,** and **Fax No. 819-1498.** Any information concerning Mr. Divinagracia's whereabouts shall be treated confidentially. Thank you.

(PDI - Feb. 13, 2005)

UWC search for a scholar

THE UNITED World College (UWC), an international educational institution, in coordination with the Philippine Alumni Network and the Ayala Foundation Inc, is searching for a top-caliber 4th year high school student interested in pursuing a 2-year international baccalaureate course in Canada. The selected student will be sent on full scholarship to the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific in Victoria, Canada. Applicants must belong to the top 10 percent of the high school graduating class. Applicants and their parents also have to attend the orientation session at the Conference Room of the Ayala Foundation Inc, 10/F, BPI Main Bldg., Ayala Ave cor. Paseo de Roxas, Makati City on Feb. 13 and 20 at 10 to 12 p.m. For details call Jen Perez of the Philippine Alumni Network at 0919-8442603 or Tito Rivera of the Ayala Foundation at 894-5620, local 104.

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Shell reinforces safety campaign

TO INCREASE awareness and reinforce forecourt safety in all Shell service stations, Shell will launch its nationwide safety initiative at Shell stations. The official launching will be on Feb. 14, at the C5 Shell station in Taguig City. The safety measures in place are Shell's way of reminding customers/motorists to be mindful of their acts while refueling, which in a way is good standpoint to promote general welfare as well as protect loves of Filipino motorists.

'The art of Love' - a painting exhibit

BREWIN' Bros. Cafe presents the 3rd of the Brewin' Art Series featuring the works of Dennis Miguel, Rolly Panerio, Andrew Agonoy, Mon Caneza, Arthur Sabong, Jess Cajucom, Waldz Villanueva, Noy Morales, Jowey Moreno, Luis Gabriel and Elmer Torio. The exhibit is open until March at the Brewin' Bros. Cafe, Riverbanks Arcade, Barangka, Marikina City. For details call 944-0024.

TRANSPROCURE RECEIVES AWARD

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo awarded TransProcure Corp the 'Rising Star' for BPO Procurement Services citation through DTI/CITEM during the 17th Golden Shell Awards at the Malacañang Palace recently. TransProcure president and CEO Charlie Villaseñor received the award on behalf of the company.

CPA BOARD TOPNOTCHERS PICK P&A

Punongbayan & Araullo (P&A) a leading public accounting firm in the country, recently welcomed 91 new CPAs to augment its audit and assurance, tax consulting and compliance, corporate finance, and outsourced payroll and accounting services operations. Leading the new-hires is Jory Castillo, 10th placer in the October 2004 CPA board examinations, shown in photo receiving a plaque of recognition from HR partner Alfredo Damian, chair and CEO Benjamin Punongbayan, and audit partner Jessie Carpio. Not shown in photo are the other newly-hired topnotchers: Edelyn Natanauan (13th place), Tristan John Kabigting (16th) and Gonsar Sarmiento (20th). P&A is a member of Grant Thornton International.

How macronutrients can help strengthen your child

PARENTS want nothing more than for their children but to succeed – yet many parents are still distressed by a seeming listlessness of their children and low grades in school. In reaction to this they take great pains to help their kids to study and try to eliminate whatever it is that may be distracting them; they limit how much time their children spend in front of the television, play video games, or talk on the telephone. But the real culprit of bad grades in some cases may not actually be a lack of discipline but a lack of macronutrients in their diet.

Macronutrients (carbohydrates, fats and proteins) are the body's main source of energy, and it is an essential part of a growing child's diet. Here are a few things parents should know about how to provide their kids with the energy to succeed in school.

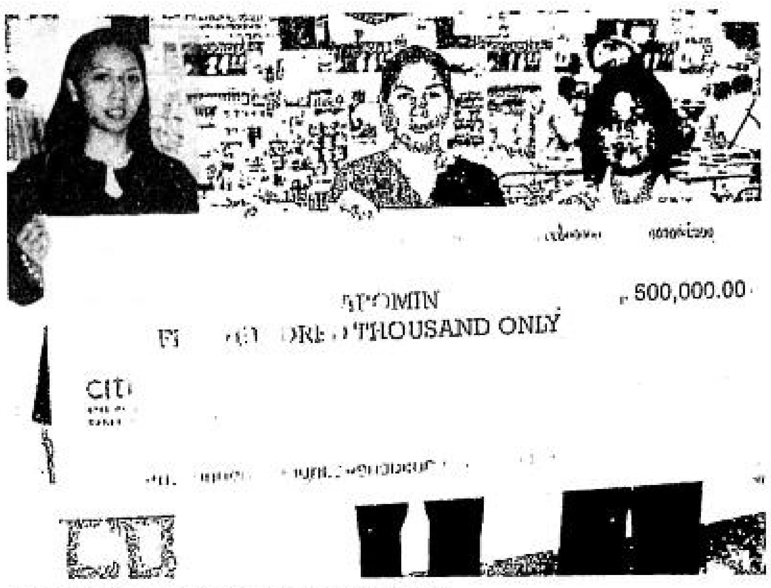
How macronutrients help students: Carbohydrates and fats provide the body with energy for such activities as thinking and reading; aside from regular functions as simple as breathing to more active pursuits such as running and jumping. Carbohydrates, the main energy source, are found in starch foods such as potatoes, pasta, rice, cereals and wheat. While fats, which provide insulation under the skin and protect internal organs, are found in foods such as vegetable oils, meat and dairy products.

Meanwhile proteins are needed for the body to be able to grow and to repair itself when it is injured (foods such as meat, fish, eggs, beans and milk belong to this food group). Students that eat meals that provide them with the proper energy experience an increase in their attentiveness and mental capacity. Many studies have found a close connection between eating a good energy-boosting meal and the improvement of learning ability, attention span, and general well-being.

Students are able to think faster, think clearer, solve problems more easily, and are less likely to be irritable. They are more focused when they take tests and are less likely to be distracted or tire easily. Just a bowl of instant noodles in the morning will help your child in school. It is macronutrient-rich, and an advantage to busy moms who are looking for convenient, affordable food for their kids.

GLOBE PLATINUM BRINGS NORAH JONES TO MANILA

Globe Platinum and Globe Girlfriends recently signed up as the exclusive presentors of Norah Jones' Manila concert on March 12 at the Araneta Coliseum. As a special treat, Globe Platinum and Globe Girlfriends subscribers will be given special discounts on all ticket prices. Photo shows (from left): Marie Paynor, Globe Girlfriends; Arnold Vegafria, president, ALV Events International; Bubbles Barretto, Globe corporate marketing; Cookie Uy, Globe Platinum; and Bong Paderna, StratsPlus Events Management.



M&M'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Loida Aromin had just picked up some pasalubong for her children in Robinson's Supercenter Galleria branch when she found the winning coupon for the grand prize of M&M's Christmas Carnival promo. Inside the M&M's Milk Chocolate pack she had bought was the winning cash coupon of P500,000. Aromin is the latest winner in the M&M's Christmas Carnival promo, where over 2,000 authentic M&M's world premium items were given away. Shown are, (from left): Cherry Los Banos, senior key accounts specialist Master Foods Phils, winner Loida Aromin, and Tess Magno, store manager Robinson's Supercenter Galleria branch. Prizes may be claimed up to March 15.

799 successful PSHS qualifiers for SY 2005-2006

THE PHILIPPINE Science High School System is proud to announce its new set of scholars for SY 2005-2006. There were 15,830 pupils from the different elementary schools all over the country who took the first screening of the PSHS National Competitive Examination last Oct. 16, 2004. Of these, 3,179 qualified for the second screening held on Dec. 11, 2004. There are 799 qualifiers for SY 2005-2006.

The breakdown of these 799 qualifiers is as follows: Ilocos Region Campus, San Ildefonso, Ilocos Sur (56); Cagayan Valley Campus, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya (90); Bicol Region Campus, Goa, Camarines Sur (55), Western Visayas Campus, Iloilo City (94), Eastern Visayas Campus, Palo, Leyte (51), Central Mindanao Campus, Lanao del Norte (93), Southern Mindanao, Davao City (91), Main Campus, Diliman Quezon City (269).

Visit the school website at www.pshs.edu.ph for the complete list of qualifiers or visit any of the PSHS regional campuses.

ANCHOR SAVINGS BANK AT 25

Anchor Savings Bank, also known as the Knights Of Columbus' Bank, recently celebrated its Silver Anniversary at the Rigodon Ballroom, The Peninsula Manila, Makati City with the theme, '25 Years of Providing Responsible Banking and Financial Services Anchored on Competency and Integrity'. The festive celebration was well attended by top leaders of the country's financial and banking industry. Shown are (from left): Flordelis Aguenza, president, Planters Development Bank; Evangeline Crisostomo-Escobillo, president, Anchor Savings Bank; Aurelio Montinola III, president Bank of the Philippine Islands; Susan Figueras, president, Insular Savings Bank; and Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RUBY JUBILARIANS LAUNCH 'RUBYBOOK'

St. Scholastica's High School Class of 65 recently launched a collection of essays and poems entitled 'Rubybook 65… Stories of our lives, Forty Years After'. The Rubybook chronicles the lives of 42 high school classmates and how they lived through life's many challenges. Of the 42 life stories, 13 have settings in the U.S., six in Europe, four in Australia, New Zealand, one in Germany, an includes a commuter story between Abu Dhabi and Punta Fuego. Shown (from left) during the book launch are four of the book editors: Ronie Nieva, Sherida David, Mike Palileo and May Mayor.

Alfa PSP Forte preserves phytonutrients

COPING with water and air pollution, making poor food choices, and entertaining unhealthy lifestyle options may be our sad but inevitable epitaph.

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Hippocrates, the "Father of Medicine" rings a bell of truism, in this time and age when he said and I quote: — "Let thy food be thy medicine and medicine thy food."

A Mexican-based firm – Enzacta representing the marketing arm of 'Alfa PSP Forte' has formally launched its health-enhancing product in the Philippines. It's local counterpart, Enzacta Inc says that the launching is timely since the country is experiencing a health crisis and that an all-out support from all sectors of society is needed.

Enzacta officials led by visiting president Russel Hall, Dr. Mark Smith, ND, PhD met with its Philippine representatives Joseph delos Santos, Cresh Yatco, Cris Oriondo and Sydji Pangan, discussed the urgent need to share the multi-health benefits, derived from Alfa PSP Forte. Dr. Smith gave lectures to Filipino businessmen, distributors and marketing practitioners on the said natural food formula. Results obtained from its users reveal that PSP can prevent disease, save off degenerative processes and strengthen the immune system, can assist body in healing at the cellular level, facilitates the body in taking an active role in healing and impacting the many conditions mediated by the derailment of the immune system.

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WATERLESS LIVE FISH DEMO

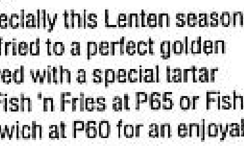
Oriental Negros Governor George Arnaiz is shown placing a Lapu-Lapu Fish inside the aquarium with water to revive the fish that has been hibernating for more than three hours after being soaked in a chemical solution. The Filipino invention will reduce the freight cost of live fish by 75 percent. The demo was held recently at the Bethel Hotel in Dumaguete City in the presence of (from left): Manuel Lim Jr., Meralco Foundation Inc (MFI) trustee; Alex Escaño, president, MFI and PQPM; Boni Camandante, inventor; a Buhi assistant; Raul Hernandez, PCCI VP for SME; Governor Arnaiz; Julio Sy Sr. (partly hidden), Buglas president; Mariant Escaño Villegas, member, Negros Provincial Board; Luis Lina, Fedex representative and Greg Uymatiao, Buglas member.

UNVEILING OF HARMONIZED GUIDELINES

UN resident coordinator and concurrent UNDP resident representative Deborah Landey joins Neda Director General Romulo Neri in unveiling the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines held recently at Malacañang while National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women director Myrna Yao looks on. The publication contains a common set of guidelines to integrate gender concerns into development programs and projects and help achieve gender equality.

Product Files

A filling Fish Fillet treat



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Adding zest to your life

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CARLOS MORALES ENDORSES TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT

Carlos Morales recently signed a contract under TKO (Technical Knockout) Sports Wear to be its official endorser. Beside him is Willy Lao, president of TKO Sports Wear. Gear up with TKO round neck T-shirts, muscle shirts, sandos and shorts for a perfect workout. Available at all leading department stores nationwide.

ONBOARD THE STAR CRUISES WITH THE TRAVEL CLUB

Five lucky Filipinos won a 3-days-2-nights, Singapore-Penang - Langkawi cruise courtesy of The Travel Club and Star Cruises. For the minimum of just P2,000 worth of purchase these lucky individuals won for themselves free tickets onboard the Star Cruises - Alvin Quiñones, Bernard A. Artienda, Andres Jomas C. Capellan, Florencio Manglapus Jr. and Aurora Maquiran. Photo shows Uniglobe Travelware Co Inc (UTCI) Star Cruises representatives during the recent draw held at The Travel Club store at Market! Market! (from left): Kristine Villaflor, marketing assistant; Ruby Palma, marketing manager (Uniglobe Travelware Co Inc); Marlene Adelina P. Pajanel, Star Cruises manager; Merlie Delos Reyes, DTI representative and Paula Michelle Buen from Star Cruises.

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shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD forever.

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mother: NIEVES ; father : VICTOR (+)

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mother-in-law ,sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives & friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A Santos Avenue (Sucat Road) Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at Mount Calvary, Manila Memorial Park, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels.

SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

The Provincial Superior and Members
of the Society of St. Paul and The Arboleda Family
announce the peaceful return of

REV. FR. ANDRES ROCES ARBOLEDA, SSP

to his Divine Creator on Sunday, February 6, 2005.

His body lies in state February 13-14, 2005
at the Sanctuary of St. Paul,
7708 St. Paul Road, San Antonio Village, Makati City.

His remains will be flown to Legaspi City
and brought to Guinobatan, Albay, on February 15.
Interment will be on February17, 2005.

Let us accompany Fr. ARA
with our prayer and affection.

COL. OSBALDO MATIAS B. ISAAC (RET.)

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of Unisan, Quezon

Peacefully joined his Creator on February 7, 2005 at the age of 73.

His loving wife **Teresita V. Isaac**; his children: **Gerardo & Rosario, Roxanne, Maj. Wilfredo & Stephanie, Sylvia & Greg Tidwell, Paul & Floridez, Agnes, Tina**; his grandchildren: **Nikki, Yuri, Boo.**

His remains lie in state at the St. Ignatius Cathedral Mortuary at Camp Aguinaldo
Interment will be on February, 15, 2005 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

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*I was glad when they told me" Let us go
to the house of the Lord"* ***Psalms 122:1***

PATROCINIO A. GATCHALIAN

*Peacefully returned to the arms of the
Father on February 11, 2005
at the age of 95.*

Her body lies in state at the Sta. Rita De Cascia Parish Mortuary in Quezon City. Interment at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina will be on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 after the 9:00 AM Mass.

AUGUSTO D. VALINO

of Cabanatuan City and Mandaluyong City

*Peacefully joined his Creator
on February 8, 2005 at the age of 67.*

His loving wife, **Alice**; children **Chambit & Lloyd**, **Casey** and **Chicky**, grandchildren **Lloyd Sirach**, **Alyssa** and **Ruth**; and all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Chapel 15 (South Wing), La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, February 16, 2005
at Heavens Gate 1 Memorial Park, Cogeo, immediately
after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

In Loving Remembrance of

CECILIA G. NAVERA

February 1, 1919 - February 13, 2004

on the First Year Anniversary of her death, her sister Victoria, relatives and friends ask the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Masses will be offered at the following churches:

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Church *Sto. Tomas, Batangas*	6:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church *Capuchin Fathers, Tagaytay City*	7:00 a.m.
St. Claire Parish Church *Sta. Clara, Sto. Tomas, Batangas*	7:00 a.m.
Saint Pio of Pietrelcine Parish Church *San Pedro, Sto. Tomas Batangas*	8:00 a.m.
Basilica of St. Sebastian *Lipa Cathedral Church, Lipa City*	8:15 a.m.
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FELIZA MAGSALIN CRISTI

**Who passed away on Feb. 14, 2004
Masses will be offered on
Feb. 14, 2005 at the ff. churches:**

Sto. Domingo Church	5:45 a.m.
Lourdes Church	6:00 a.m.
Antipolo Church	6:00 a.m.

**THE FAMILY REQUESTS RELATIVES &
FRIENDS TO REMEMBER HER IN
THEIR PRAYERS.**

DEATH NOTICES

BENITO GOCO

Our beloved **Benito Goco**, founder of the Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, joined his Father in Heaven on Feb. 10, 2005. Necrological services will be performed on Feb. 13 at 10:30 am at the Holy Trinity Chapel. The flame of brotherhood that ignited you will remain with us all Benny. Rest well.

COL. EPIFANIO UY FIRMACION (RET) PC

of Castillejos, Zambales
& Cagayan De Oro City.

Died in the Grace of our Lord in Fontana, CA, U.S.A. on January 27, 2005. Interment will be on February 19, 2005, Saturday at 12:00 noon at the Libingan ng Mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City after the 9:00 AM Mass.

**"For God so loved
the world,
that He gave His
only begotten Son,
that whoever
believes in Him
shall not perish
but have
everlasting life."**

John 3:16

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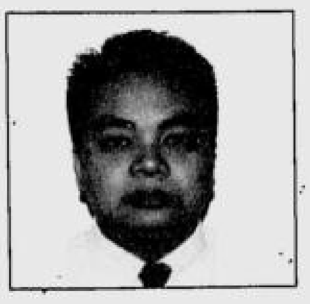

Branch 85 of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court has issued a Warrant for the arrest of **J.A. SALVADOR "CHING" I. CANCIO IV** (whose picture appears below), the accused in **Criminal Case No. Q-03-122119 for ESTAFA.** If you have any information about his whereabouts, please call 8933563 / 8933596 or send information to Suite 1511-12 Cityland 10 Tower 1 Ayala Avenue corner H.V. dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City.

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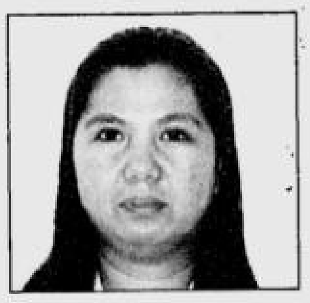

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NFA implements rice and corn programs

TO FURTHER boost the income of rice and corn farmers, the National Food Authority has intensified the implementation of pro-farmer projects in Bulacan through its farmer developmental programs (FDP). Under the program, the agency advocates agricultural and marketing strategies to enlighten corn and rice farmers and other interested clients on how to handle a successful agricultural business. Topics discussed in the advocacy seminars include corn funding and marketing, farm level grains center operations, e-trading and cooperative development incentive funding. The program has been jointly implemented and financed by the NFA and the Foundation for Resource Linkage and Development (FRLD). The trainings were focused on grains post harvest technology and entrepreneurship, meat and fish processing, urban gardening using palay byproducts and cooperative organizations and leadership. Bulacan farmers can call the NFA office on any questions or inquiries regarding the farmer development program in their area through contact numbers 712-3341 local 8421 to 8424 or send text message to mobile number 0917-6210927.

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LA 240 sqm L28 Blk9 Doña Leonila St. (Rd Lot 7), Ireneville-1 Subd, San Dionisio
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L26 Blk26 Fernwood Circle, Marcelo Green Vill Ph2
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LA 924 sqm, FA 439 sqm
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L28 Blk148 PalmanovaSt. Neopolitan V (CasaMilan)BrgyPasongPutikNovaliches
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Lot 54 - L13 Blk 1 LA 180 sqm
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Lot 55 - L16 Blk 1 LA 245 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 1,274,000.00
Lot 56 - L18 Blk 8 LA 206 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 1,071,200.00

Lot 57 -Res'l. w/ Imprvmnt (w/ swimming pool) LA 636sqm, FA 234sqm
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Minimum Bid Price P 257,600.00
Lot 60 – L38 Blk30 LA 120 sqm
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Lot 62 – L2 Blk4 LA 1,180 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 2,489,446.00

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Minimum Bid Price P 127,500.00
Lot 64 – L61 Blk9 LA 75 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 127,500.00
Lot 65 – L57 Blk9 LA 75 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 127,500.00

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L10 Blk10 Azucena Drive & Beverly Hills Subd. Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
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Lots35-37 Blk7 Golden Shower Drive, Villa Grande Subd. Brgy Cupang, Antipolo City
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L10&12 Blk13 Ph1 Philadelphia St., Parkhills Exec Vill., Brgy Inarawan,San Isidro, Antipolo City
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Lot 69 - Res'l w/ Imprvmnt
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Minimum Bid Price P 306,000.00
Lot 72 – L47 Blk62-A LA204 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 306,000.00
Lot 73 – L54 Blk 63 LA 204 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 306,000.00
Lot 74 – L25 Blk 21-A LA 204 sqm
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Lot 75 - Res'l Lot LA 400 sqm
L14 Blk12 Main Road, Phase 1 Village East Exec Homes II, San Isidro, Angono
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Sitio Nagpalong, Bgy San Juan Baras
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Lot 77 - Res'l Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 790sqm, FA 248sqm L5 Blk5 2ndSt Cavalier Village, Sta Cruz
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LA 580 sqm. FA 268 sqm
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Minimum Bid Price P 2,091,490.00

Lot 79 - Res'l Lot w/ Imprvmnt
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Minimum Bid Price P 3,822,800.00

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Lot 81 – L27 Blk22 Ph1 LA 414 sqm
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Lot 82 – L24 Blk22 Ph1 LA 428 sqm
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Lot 83 – L23 Blk22 LA 432 sqm
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Lot 84 – L22 Blk22 Ph1 LA 451 sqm
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Lot 85 - L16 Blk 5 LA 737 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 3,869,250.00
Lot 86 - L17 Blk 5 LA 726 sqm
Minimum Bid Price P 3,811,500.00
Lot 87 - L3 Blk 2 LA 687 sqm
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	1 parcel - 271	com'l. lot with bldg.	
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PANGASINAN

ALAMINOS

LOT 1 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 900 sqm. F.A.: 118 sqm.
Lot No. 7048-P, Braganza Village
Min. Bid Price : 1,030,000.00

LOT 2 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 273 sqm. F.A.: 60 sqm.
Lot 6368-Part, Existing Row, Pogo
Min. Bid Price : 134,000.00

LOT 3 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,136 sqm. F.A.: 132 sqm.
Lot 4008-C, Brgy. Amandiego
Min. Bid Price : 1,040,000.00

LOT 4 - FISHPOND
L.A: 57,098 sqm.
Lot 2, Brgy. Pandan
Min. Bid Price : 2,355,000.00

LOT 5 - FISHPOND
L.A: 57,098 sqm.
Lot 3, Brgy. Pandan (Telbang)
Min. Bid Price : 2,227,000.00

LOT 6 - FISHPOND
L.A: 54,189 sqm.
Lot 4, Brgy. Pandan
Min. Bid Price : 2,041,000.00

BALUNGAO

LOT 7 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 478 sqm.
Lot 6, Int Lot6 W/out Row, Pugaro
Min. Bid Price : 54,000.00

LOT 8 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 473 sqm.
Lot 12, Int Lot W/out Row, Pugaro
Min. Bid Price : 54,000.00

LOT 9 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 480 sqm.
Lot 13, Along Prov'L Rd Pugaro
Min. Bid Price : 137,000.00

LOT 10 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 470 sqm.
Lot 14, Int Lot W/out Tow, Pugaro
Min. Bid Price : 53,000.00

BASISTA

LOT 11 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,601 sqm.
Lot 16403-B Dumpay
Min. Bid Price : 897,000.00

BAYAMBANG

LOT 12 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 240 sqm. Lots 5, Brgy. Bical
Min. Bid Price : 81,000.00

LOT 13 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 240 sqm. Lots 6, Brgy. Bical
Min. Bid Price : 81,000.00

BINALONAN

LOT 14 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 482 sqm.
Lot 155-E-1, 155-E-2, 155-E-3, (William Taft St.), Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 246,000.00

BUGALLON

LOT 15 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 740 sqm. F.A.: 80 sqm.
Lot 4331, Bravo St., Brgy. Magtaking
Min. Bid Price : 373,000.00

LOT 16 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 289 sqm.
Lot 6298-Part, Brgy. Asinan
Min. Bid Price : 124,000.00

CALASIAO

LOT 17 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 344 sqm. F.A.: 84 sqm.
Lot No. 2-Part, Bued
Min. Bid Price : 341,000.00

LOT 18 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 447 sqm. F.A.: 91 sqm.
Lot 4038-B & Lot 4038-D Sitio, Pandayan, Gabon
Min. Bid Price : 262,000.00

LOT 19 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,008 sqm. F.A.: 118 sqm.
Lot 5 Brgy. Malabago
Min. Bid Price : 635,000.00

LOT 20 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 467 sqm. F.A.: 90 sqm.
Lot 6729 Mancup
Min. Bid Price : 295,000.00

LOT 21 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 792 sqm. Lot 621-A-Lot 16039 Brgy. Nalsian
Min. Bid Price : 642,000.00

LOT 22 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 325 sqm. F.A.: 228 sqm.
Lot 1-16001 San Miguel
Min. Bid Price : 895,000.00

LOT 23 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 483 sqm. Lot 1358 Int Mac Arthur Hway, San Miguel
Min. Bid Price : 634,000.00

LOT 24 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 4,600 sqm. Brgy. Talibaew
Min. Bid Price : 360,000.00

LOT 25 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 174 sqm. F.A.: 68 sqm.
Lot 4390 Talibaew
Min. Bid Price : 70,000.00

DAGUPAN

LOT 26 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 403 sqm.
Lot 2-K Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 485,000.00

LOT 27 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,860 sqm.
Lot 7764 Int.Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 744,000.00

LOT 28 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,000 sqm. Lot 7266-B Sta.Maria St., Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 770,000.00

LOT 29 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,028 sqm.
Lot 7557-A-1 San Gabriel St., Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 778,000.00

LOT 30 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,028 sqm.
Lot 7557-A-2 San Gabriel St., Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 778,000.00

LOT 31 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,028 sqm. Lot 7557-A-4-A San Gabriel St., Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 778,000.00

LOT 32 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,029 sqm. Lot 7557-A-4-B San Gabriel St., Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 779,000.00

LOT 33 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,028 sqm. Lot 7557-A-4-C San Gabriel St., Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 778,000.00

LOT 34 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,796 sqm. Lot 2-D Melendez St, Bonuan Boquig
Min. Bid Price : 881,000.00

LOT 37 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 343 sqm. F.A.: 61 sqm.
Lot 4807-D Lucao Dist.
Min. Bid Price : 370,000.00

LOT 38 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 292 sqm.
Lot 6354-C Lasio Grande
Min. Bid Price : 500,000.00

LOT 39 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 190 sqm. F.A.: 82 sqm.
Lot 5638-G, Rafael Perez Rd. Malued
Min. Bid Price : 734,000.00

LOT 40 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 239 sqm. F.A.: 61 sqm.
Lot 2757-C, Brgy. Rd., Brgy. Mamalingling
Min. Bid Price : 416,000.00

LOT 41 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 352 sqm. F.A.: 93 sqm.
Lot 2366-B, Brgy. Rd., Mangin
Min. Bid Price : 426,000.00

LOT 42 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,376 sqm. F.A.: 248 sqm.
Lots 312-A-3, 311-C, & 314-F-1, Mayombo Dist.
Min. Bid Price : 6,583,000.00

LOT 43 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 240 sqm.
Lot 3-A-2 Int. Herrero-Perez
Min. Bid Price : 480,000.00

LOT 44 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 470 sqm.
Lot 674-B-2, Int. Pogo Chico
Min. Bid Price : 1,185,000.00

LOT 45 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,212 sqm. Lot 4, Lot 3, Lot 2, Lot 1, Lot 6 Pogo Chico
Min. Bid Price : 1,690,000.00

LOT 46 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 326 sqm. F.A.: 169 sqm.
Lot 1974-A, Brgy. Salisay
Min. Bid Price : 532,000.00

LOT 47 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 308 sqm.
Lot 1974-B, Brgy. Salisay
Min. Bid Price : 370,000.00

LOT 48 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 410 sqm. F.A.: 99 sqm.
Lot 3195-B, Right Of Way, Tambac
Min. Bid Price : 1,036,000.00

LOT 49 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 185 sqm. F.A.: 98 sqm.
Lot 1 Existing Road Lot, Tambac
Min. Bid Price : 935,000.00

LOT 50 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 686 sqm. F.A.: 231 sqm.
Lot 2, Right Of Way, Tambac
Min. Bid Price : 1,317,000.00

LOT 51 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 750 sqm. Lot 4 Tambac
Min. Bid Price : 1,080,000.00

LOT 52 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,034 sqm.
Lot 3847-A Int. Amado-Tapune
Min. Bid Price : 1,520,000.00

LAOAC

LOT 53 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,312 sqm. F.A.: 98 sqm.
Lot Nos. 1 & 2, Yatyat
Min. Bid Price : 418,000.00

LINGAYEN

LOT 54 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 800 sqm. F.A.: 156 sqm.
Lot A, Pangapisan
Min. Bid Price : 1,123,000.00

LOT 55 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,050 sqm. F.A.: 108 sqm.
Lot 8844-B, Brgy. Balococ West
Min. Bid Price : 352,000.00

LOT 56 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 779 sqm. F.A.: 63 sqm.
Lot 14668, Solis Street, Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 1,426,000.00

LOT 57 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 707 sqm. F.A.: 80 sqm.
Lot Nos. 1-C-2, 1-C-3 & 1-C-5, Brgy. Domalandan East
Min. Bid Price : 524,000.00

MALASIQUI

LOT 58 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,306 sqm.
Lot 11046, Bacundan (West)
Min. Bid Price : 78,000.00

LOT 59 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 785 sqm. F.A.: 105 sqm.
Lot 10935-E, Brgy. Balite
Min. Bid Price : 315,000.00

LOT 60 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 3,957 sqm. Lot 6509-B-6-C & Lot 6509-B-6-B Brgy. Bawer
Min. Bid Price : 226,000.00

LOT 61 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,379 sqm.
Lot No. 29878, Bogtong
Min. Bid Price : 294,000.00

LOT 62 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 555 sqm. F.A.: 117 sqm.
Lot 14514-D-1 Banng/Bolnoit
Min. Bid Price : 294,000.00

LOT 63 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 761 sqm. F.A.: 96 sqm.
Lot 1953-A-1 Cabatling
Min. Bid Price : 198,000.00

LOT 64 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 3,021 sqm.
Lot 3-D Cabeldatan
Min. Bid Price : 245,000.00

LOT 65 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,173 sqm.
Lot 3-G Cabeldatan
Min. Bid Price : 176,000.00

LOT 66 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 13,361 sqm.
Lot 2 (Int. Lot) Cabeldatan
Min. Bid Price : 305,000.00

LOT 67 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 3,364 sqm. F.A.: 168 sqm.
Lot 2 Cabeldatan
Min. Bid Price : 435,000.00

LOT 68 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 4,302 sqm.
Lot 2462-C Cabeldatan
Min. Bid Price : 267,000.00

LOT 69 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,305 sqm. F.A.: 45 sqm.
Lot 3-A-2 Goliman
Min. Bid Price : 194,000.00

LOT 70 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 387 sqm. F.A.: 211 sqm.
Lot 8505-C Lokeb (Norte)
Min. Bid Price : 333,000.00

LOT 71 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 967 sqm. F.A.: 68 sqm.
Lot 8969-A Lokeb (Este)
Min. Bid Price : 255,000.00

LOT 72 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,451 sqm. F.A.: 45 sqm.
Lot 8969-B Lokeb (Este)
Min. Bid Price : 350,000.00

LOT 73 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,331 sqm.
Lot 8824-L Lokeb Norte
Min. Bid Price : 158,000.00

LOT 74 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 617 sqm. F.A.: 72 sqm.
Lot 8979-C Loqueb Este
Min. Bid Price : 159,000.00

LOT 75 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,987 sqm.
Lot 10780-N-1, Brgy. Asin/Lunec
Min. Bid Price : 269,000.00

LOT 76 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,996 sqm.
Lot 10780-N-6, Brgy. Asin/Lunec
Min. Bid Price : 204,000.00

LOT 77 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 4,270 sqm.
Lot 10780-N-7, Brgy. Asin/Lunec
Min. Bid Price : 291,000.00

LOT 78 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 719 sqm. F.A.: 89 sqm.
Lot 5314-B Nalsian Sur
Min. Bid Price : 652,000.00

LOT 79 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 12,651 sqm.
Lot 5599 Palong
Min. Bid Price : 625,000.00

LOT 80 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 3,206 sqm.
F.A.: 126 sqm.
Lot 430 Rizal St., Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 2,234,000.00

LOT 81 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 187 sqm. F.A.: 74 sqm.
Lot 730-F Poblacion(Diego Silang)
Min. Bid Price : 238,000.00

LOT 82 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 215 sqm.
Lot 735-B-3 Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 164,000.00

LOT 83 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,056 sqm. F.A.: 80 sqm.
Lot 6395-A San Julian
Min. Bid Price : 245,000.00

LOT 84 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,697 sqm.
Lot 2-A San Julian
Min. Bid Price : 358,000.00

LOT 85 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 633 sqm. F.A.: 150 sqm.
Lot 8232-B Tabo-Sili
Min. Bid Price : 500,000.00

LOT 86 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,628 sqm. F.A.: 135 sqm.
Lot 5393 Tomling
Min. Bid Price : 786,000.00

LOT 87 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,456 sqm. F.A.: 99 sqm.
Lot 468-A Taloy
Min. Bid Price : 649,000.00

MANGALDAN

LOT 88 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 132 sqm.
Lot No. 27 Bo. Banaoang
Min. Bid Price : 88,000.00

LOT 89 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 252 sqm.
Lot 29 & 28 Bo. Banaoang
Min. Bid Price : 167,000.00

LOT 90 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 471 sqm.
Plan Swo-1-001735, Bo. Banaoang
Min. Bid Price : 198,000.00

LOT 92 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 132 sqm.
Lot 10 Bo. Banaoang
Min. Bid Price : 80,000.00

LOT 93 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 576 sqm.
Lot 8361, Brgy. Bantayan
Min. Bid Price : 231,000.00

LOT 94 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 343 sqm. F.A.: 285 sqm.
Lot 1, Brgy. Bari.
Min. Bid Price : 1,204,000.00

LOT 95 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 898 sqm. Lot 7 Bari
Min. Bid Price : 755,000.00

LOT 96 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 266 sqm.
Lot No. 2-B, Brgy. Guiguilongen
Min. Bid Price : 238,000.00

LOT 97 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 248 sqm. Lot 2-C, No. 252. Guiguilongen
Min. Bid Price : 335,000.00

LOT 98 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 389 sqm.
Lot 3-E-8-H-3-D-5-B-3 Apostol Subd.,Guiguilonen
Min. Bid Price : 281,000.00

LOT 99 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 215 sqm.
Lot 7, Blk. V, Brgy. Navaluan
Min. Bid Price : 183,000.00

LOT 100 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 3,011 sqm.
Lot No. 3-F, Brgy. Nibaliw
Min. Bid Price : 641,000.00

Honeyland Subd, Tebag

LOT 101 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm. Lot 3 Blk. 1
Min. Bid Price : 190,000.00

LOT 102 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 606 sqm. Lot 3,4,5 Blk. 2
Min. Bid Price : 485,000.00

LOT 103 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm. Lot 5 Blk. 4
Min. Bid Price : 190,000.00

LOT 104 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 287 sqm. Lot 6 Blk. 4
Min. Bid Price : 273,000.00

LOT 105 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 197 sqm. Lot 2 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 188,000.00

LOT 106 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 198 sqm. Lot 4 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 189,000.00

LOT 107 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 198 sqm. Lot 6 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 189,000.00

LOT 108 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 198 sqm. Lot 8 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 189,000.00

LOT 109 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 198 sqm. Lot 10 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 189,000.00

LOT 110 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 159 sqm. Lot 12 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 152,000.00

LOT 111 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 216 sqm. Lot 14 Blk. 5
Min. Bid Price : 206,000.00

LOT 112 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 83 sqm. Lot 1 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 79,000.00

LOT 113 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 70 sqm. Lot 2 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 67,000.00

LOT 114 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 90 sqm. Lot 3 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 86,000.00

LOT 115 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 90 sqm. Lot 4 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 86,000.00

LOT 116 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 90 sqm. Lot 5 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 86,000.00

LOT 117 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 90 sqm. Lot 6 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 86,000.00

LOT 118 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 90 sqm. Lot 8 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 86,000.00

LOT 119 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 90 sqm. Lot 10 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 96,000.00

LOT 120 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 96 sqm. Lot 11 Blk 7
Min. Bid Price : 92,000.00

LOT 121 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 80 sqm. Lot 12 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 76,000.00

MANGATAREM

LOT 122 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 462 sqm. F.A.: 80 sqm.
Lot 1-B-1-B, Brgy. Torre 2Nd
Min. Bid Price : 224,000.00

POZORUBIO

LOT 123 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,418 sqm.
Lot 4-G,Brgy. Batakil Zone IV
Min. Bid Price : 617,000.00

LOT 124 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,649 sqm.
Lot 7 Brgy. Dila
Min. Bid Price : 464,000.00

ROSALES

LOT 125 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 592 sqm.
Lot 2048-1-1, San Pedro (East)
Min. Bid Price : 121,000.00

LOT 126 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 300 sqm.
Lot 2048-1-2-B, San Pedro (East)
Min. Bid Price : 62,000.00

LOT 127 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 300 sqm.
Lot 2048-1-2 San Pedro(East)
Min. Bid Price : 72,000.00

LOT 128 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 600 sqm.
Lot 2048-1-3, San Pedro (East)
Min. Bid Price : 123,000.00

LOT 129 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 258 sqm.
Lot 2-A-7-A-4 Carmen
Min. Bid Price : 813,000.00

SAN CARLOS

LOT 130 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,280 sqm. F.A.: 149 sqm.
Lot 20474-A & 20474-B, Brgy. Calobuaan
Min. Bid Price : 576,000.00

LOT 131 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 735 sqm. F.A.: 48 sqm.
Lot 26795-B-2, Brgy. Pangoloan (Gamata Before)
Min. Bid Price : 141,000.00

LOT 132 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 827 sqm. F.A.: 84 sqm.
Lot 28578-B, Pangalangan
Min. Bid Price : 216,000.00

LOT 133 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 433 sqm. F.A.: 65 sqm.
Lot No. 6609-C, Doyong
Min. Bid Price : 139,000.00

LOT 134 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 88 sqm. F.A.: 56 sqm.
Lot 5004-I,Int Padilla St.,Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 335,000.00

LOT 135 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 88 sqm.
Lot 5004-J,Int Padilla St.Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 85,000.00

LOT 137 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,131 sqm.
Lot 7, Brgy. Rd., Brgy. Camata
Min. Bid Price : 216,000.00

LOT 138 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 676 sqm.
Lot 5571-B-1 Brgy. Cruz(Bolingit)
Min. Bid Price : 198,000.00

LOT 139 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,570 sqm.
Lot 24242-A Bogaoan(Salina)
Min. Bid Price : 208,000.00

LOT 140 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,570 sqm.
Lot 24242-B Bogaoan(Salina)
Min. Bid Price : 208,000.00

SAN QUINTIN

LOT 141 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 300 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 3 Nangapugan
Min. Bid Price : 27,000.00

LOT 142 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 300 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 3 Nangapugan
Min. Bid Price : 27,000.00

LOT 143 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 300 sqm.
Lot 12 Blk 3 Nangapugan
Min. Bid Price : 27,000.00

LOT 144 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 308 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 9 Nangapugan
Min. Bid Price : 30,000.00

STA. BARBARA

LOT 146 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 626 sqm. F.A.: 100 sqm.
Lot 1 Balinguco
Min. Bid Price : 453,000.00

LOT 147 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 248 sqm.
Lot 3 Brgy. Banaoang
Min. Bid Price : 84,000.00

LOT 148 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 286 sqm.
Lot 4-B Brgy. Banaoang
Min. Bid Price : 97,000.00

UMINGAN

LOT 150 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 679 sqm. F.A.: 48 sqm.
Lot 9-11-57, La Paz (Now Cabaruan)
Min. Bid Price : 94,000.00

LUNA ESTE (PRADO)

LOT 151 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 557 sqm.
Lot 5639-A & Lot 5639-Aaa
Min. Bid Price : 32,000.00

LOT 152 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 420 sqm. Lot 5639-BBB
Min. Bid Price : 17,000.00

LOT 153 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 417 sqm. Lot 5639-BBB-4
Min. Bid Price : 17,000.00

LOT 154 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,791 sqm.
Lot 5639-Bbb-6, Lot 5639-Bbb-7, Lot5639-Bbb-8,& Lot5639-Bbb-9
Min. Bid Price : 65,000.00

LOT 155 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,359 sqm.
Lot 5639-Bbb 13, Lot 5639-Bbb 14 & Lot 5639-Bbb 15
Min. Bid Price : 54,000.00

LOT 156 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 475 sqm. Lot 5639-HH
Min. Bid Price : 31,000.00

LOT 157 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 447 sqm. Lot 5639-J
Min. Bid Price : 21,000.00

LOT 158 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 498 sqm. Lot 5639-KK
Min. Bid Price : 24,000.00

LOT 159 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,160 sqm. Lot 5639-NN
Min. Bid Price : 61,000.00

LOT 160 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,160 sqm. Lot 5639-OO
Min. Bid Price : 61,000.00

LOT 161 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,114 sqm. Lot 5639-TT
Min. Bid Price : 59,000.00

LOT 162 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 475 sqm. Lot 5639-UU
Min. Bid Price : 25,000.00

LOT 163 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 447 sqm. Lot 5639-V
Min. Bid Price : 18,000.00

LOT 164 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,160 sqm. Lot 5639-YY
Min. Bid Price : 61,000.00

LOT 165 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 475 sqm. Lot 5639-XX
Min. Bid Price : 25,000.00

LOT 166 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,160 sqm. Lot 5639-ZZ
Min. Bid Price : 61,000.00

LOT 167 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 800 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk. 1 & Lot 2 Blk 1
Min. Bid Price : 36,000.00

LOT 168 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 379 sqm. Lot 1 Blk 2
Min. Bid Price : 18,000.00

LOT 169 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 973 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk. 3 & Lot 6 Blk 3
Min. Bid Price : 31,000.00

LOT 170 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 401 sqm. Lot 5 Blk. 4
Min. Bid Price : 18,000.00

LOT 171 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 408 sqm. Lot 7 Blk. 7
Min. Bid Price : 17,000.00

LOT 172 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,957 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk. 8, Lot 2 Blk. 8, Lot 3 Blk. 8, Lot 4 Blk. 8 & Lot 5 Blk. 8
Min. Bid Price : 66,000.00

LOT 173 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 416 sqm. Lot 1 Blk. 9
Min. Bid Price : 24,000.00

LOT 174 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 395 sqm. Lot 3 Blk. 9
Min. Bid Price : 19,000.00

LOT 175 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 395 sqm. Lot 4 Blk. 9
Min. Bid Price : 19,000.00

LOT 176 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 395 sqm. Lot 5 Blk. 9
Min. Bid Price : 19,000.00

LOT 177 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 395 sqm. Lot 6 Blk. 9
Min. Bid Price : 19,000.00

VILLASIS

LOT 178 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 430 sqm.
Lot 5190-A, Amamperez
Min. Bid Price : 7,000.00

LOT 179 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 5445-B-5-A San Nicolas
Min. Bid Price : 240,000.00

LOT 180 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 5445-B-5-B San Nicolas
Min. Bid Price : 240,000.00

LOT 181 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 415 sqm.
Lot 4-A & Lot 4-C-3 Poblacion
Min. Bid Price : 495,000.00

BAGUIO

LOT 182 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 350 sqm. F.A.: 381 sqm.
Lot 1-C-5-R-3-D-1, Alley 7, No. 39 Mirador Hills
Min. Bid Price : 3,429,000.00

LOT 183 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 160 sqm.
Lot 1-C-5-R-3-D-2, Alley 7, No. 39 Mirador Hills
Min. Bid Price : 608,000.00

Green Summerville, Bakakeng

LOT 184 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 169 sqm. Lot 14, Blk. 3
Min. Bid Price : 216,000.00

LOT 185 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 158 sqm. Lot 15 Blk. 3
Min. Bid Price : 202,000.00

LOT 186 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm. Lot 16, Blk. 8.
Min. Bid Price : 425,000.00

LOT 187 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 219 sqm. Lot 17, Blk. 14
Min. Bid Price : 417,000.00

LOT 188 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm. Lot 27, Blk. 8
Min. Bid Price : 180,000.00

LOT 189 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 194 sqm. Lot 35, Blk. 1
Min. Bid Price : 219,000.00

LOT 190 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 182 sqm. Lot 44, Blk. 2
Min. Bid Price : 233,000.00

LOT 191 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 150 sqm.
Lot 27, Blk. 5, Eagle Crest Villas, Bakakeng Norte
Min. Bid Price : 642,000.00

LOT 192 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 342 sqm.
Lot 1-B-1, Bakakeng Central
Min. Bid Price : 223,000.00

LOT 193 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 5,000 sqm.
Lot 32-J-7-E-1, Int. Km. 3, San Luis Village, Brgy. Asin
Min. Bid Price : 650,000.00

LOT 194 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 117-H-1-F-2, Int. South Sto. Tomas, Brgy. I.Marcos
Min. Bid Price : 300,000.00

LOT 195 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 66 sqm. F.A.: 104 sqm.
Lot 1, No. 040, Cullejon St., Purok 13, Brgy. Irisan
Min. Bid Price : 721,000.00

LOT 196 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 417 sqm. F.A.: 477 sqm.
Lot 28-A-7, Upper Market, Camp Allen
Min. Bid Price : 4,758,000.00

LOT 197 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 414 sqm.
Lot 1-D-12-B-2-B, Chapiz Village
Min. Bid Price : 634,000.00

LOT 198 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 861 sqm.
Lot 9, Interior Crystal Cave
Min. Bid Price : 136,000.00

LOT 199 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 786 sqm.
Lot 4-C, Crystal Cave
Min. Bid Price : 1,769,000.00

LOT 200 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 390 sqm.
Lot 3-B, Int. Camp 7, Kennon Rd.
Min. Bid Price : 498,000.00

LOT 201 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,248 sqm.
Lot 7-C, Int. Marcos Highway
Min. Bid Price : 874,000.00

LOT 202 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 38 sqm. F.A.: 89 sqm.
Lot 1-B-8-M-1-A-1, Along Marcos Highway
Min. Bid Price : 624,000.00

LOT 203 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 3,220 sqm.
Lot 1-A, Teacher'S Village, Marcos Highway
Min. Bid Price : 2,941,000.00

LOT 204 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 717 sqm.
Lot 1-C-5-P-29-A, Int. St. Theresa St., Mirador Hills
Min. Bid Price : 1,707,000.00

LOT 205 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 596 sqm.
Lot 1-B-10, Interior San Luis Village
Min. Bid Price : 205,000.00

LOT 206 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 500 sqm.
Lot 5-H, Int. Km.5 San Luis Village
Min. Bid Price : 188,000.00

LOT 207 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,150 sqm.
Lot 4, Blk. 10, Sunnyside Subd.
Min. Bid Price : 888,000.00

LOT 208 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 750 sqm.
Lot 7, Blk. 6, Sunnyside Subd.
Min. Bid Price : 354,000.00

LOT 209 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 750 sqm.
Lot 8, Blk. 6, Sunnyside Subd.
Min. Bid Price : 354,000.00

LOT 210 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 750 sqm.
Lot 9, Blk. 6, Sunnyside Subd.
Min. Bid Price : 354,000.00

LOT 211 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 750 sqm.
Lot 10, Blk. 6, Sunnyside Subd.
Min. Bid Price : 354,000.00

LOT 212 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 2,332 sqm.
Lot 16, Blk. 3, Sunnyside Subd.
Min. Bid Price : 964,000.00

BENGUET

LOT 213 - LOT AND IMPRVMNT
L.A: 522 sqm.
Calutul Bontoc, Mountain Province
Min. Bid Price : 861,000.00

LOT 214 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,741 sqm.
Pey-Asan, Otucan Sur, Bauko, Mt. Province
Min. Bid Price : 775,000.00

LOT 215 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,807 sqm.
Lot L-F, Bo. Bulalacao, Mankayan
Min. Bid Price : 1,133,000.00

LOT 216 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,124 sqm.
Lot 1-G, Bo. Bulalacao, Mankayan
Min. Bid Price : 658,000.00

LOT 217 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 300 sqm.
Tubo, Sapid, Mankayan
Min. Bid Price : 1,083,000.00

LOT 218 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 4,104 sqm.
Lot 3, Bo. Tuneg, Mankayan
Min. Bid Price : 3,650,000.00

LOT 219 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,500 sqm.
Lot 3, Along Peril-Samayao Road, Bo. Of Alapang, La Trinidad
Min. Bid Price : 935,000.00

LOT 220 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,500 sqm.
Lot 4, Along Peril-Samayao Road, Bo. Alapang, La Trinidad
Min. Bid Price : 825,000.00

LOT 221 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,500 sqm.
Lot 6, Along Peril-Samayao, Bo. Of Alapang, La Trinidad
Min. Bid Price : 935,000.00

LOT 222 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 2-A, Brgy. Pico, La Trinidad
Min. Bid Price : 2,975,000.00

LOT 223 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 2,203 sqm.
Lot 1, Interior Long—Long, La Trinidad
Min. Bid Price : 414,000.00

LOT 224 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,243 sqm.
Lot 1-B Along Bahong Road, La Trinidad
Min. Bid Price : 373,000.00

LOT 225 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,309 sqm.
Lot 1-A, Km. 6, Asin Road, Tuba
Min. Bid Price : 1,473,000.00

LOT 226 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 2-B-1-B-4, Brgy. Sto. Tomas, Tuba
Min. Bid Price : 150,000.00

LOT 227 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 801 sqm.
Lot H-27 Brgy. Irisan, Tadiangan, Tuba
Min. Bid Price : 495,000.00

LA UNION

LOT 228 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,785 sqm.
F.A.: 63 sqm.
Lot 1330, Nat'L Hway, Taboc, San Juan
Min. Bid Price : 796,000.00

LOT 229 - LOT W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVMNT
L.A: 3,214 sqm.
Lot 10335-A-1, Ortega St., Brgy. Natividad, Naguilian
Min. Bid Price : 451,000.00

LOT 230 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 1,500 sqm.
Lot 10355-A-2, Ortega St., Brgy Natividad, Naguilian
Min. Bid Price : 210,000.00

LOT 231 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 385 sqm.
F.A.: 107 sqm.
Lot 1016 Pt., No. 24, Sta. Monica St., Poblacion Central, Sto. Tomas
Min. Bid Price : 235,000.00

LOT 232 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 200 sqm.
F.A.: 59 sqm.
Lot 1016 Pt., No. 24, Sta. Monica St. Cor Sto. Domingo St, Poblacion Central, Sto. Tomas
Min. Bid Price : 170,000.00

LOT 233 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 166 sqm.
F.A.: 63 sqm.
Lot 6-A, No. 11 Northville Subd., Dalumpinas, Sfe
Min. Bid Price : 494,000.00

LOT 234 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 2 (484-D), Brgy. Madayegdeg, City Of San Fernando
Min. Bid Price : 563,000.00

LOT 235 - LOT & IMPRVMNT
L.A: 3,242 sqm.
F.A.: 68 sqm.
Lot 2591, Brgy. Rd., Santiago Sur, Caba
Min. Bid Price : 247,000.00

LOT 236 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm.
Lot 7, Blk. 1, Corazon Farm Subdivision, Poblacion East, Caba
Min. Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 237 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm.
Lot 14, Blk. 1, Corazon Farm Subdiviion, Poblacion East, Caba
Min. Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 238 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm.
Lot 16, Blk. 1, Corazon Farm Subdivision, Poblacion East, Caba La Union
Min. Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 239 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm.
Lot 23, Blk. 1, Corazon Farm Subdivision, Poblacion East, Caba
Min. Bid Price : 60,000.00

LOT 240 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm.
Lot 26, Blk. 1, Corazon Farm Subdivision, Poblacion East, Caba
Min. Bid Price : 60,000.00

LOT 241 - VACANT LOT
L.A: 200 sqm.
Lot 7, Blk. 3, Corazon Farm Subdivision Poblacion East, Caba
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UCPB – 1001 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,032sqm
Brgy. Zapote, Las Pinas City
Minimum Bid Price: P 12,316,500.00

UCPB – 1002 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 280sqm, F.A. 303.12sqm
Pasasapre Road Pilar Village
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,458,500.00

UCPB – 1003 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 40.48sqm
Coastal Plaza Condo
Minimum Bid Price: P 486,000.00

UCPB – 1004 RSDL LOT
L.A. 815sqm
Masipag St. (CAA Ph3) Tungtong
Minimum Bid Price: P 332,100.00

CALOOCAN CITY

UCPB – 1005 RSDL LOT
L.A. 240sqm
Coaster St. Bextonville Subd.
Minimum Bid Price: P 387,000.00

UCPB – 1006 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 300sqm F.A. 174sqm
Vista Verde North, Ph. I-F
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,044,000.00

MANILA CITY

UCPB – 1007 COMML LOT
L.A. 832.7sqm
No. 2244 Taft Avenue Malate
Minimum Bid Price: P 25,651,300.00

MAKATI CITY

UCPB – 1008 RSDL LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 360sqm
Yague St. Mena Dela Paz Village
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,618,500.00

UCPB – 1009 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 129.62sqm
Ciana Plaza Condo Corp.
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,394,000.00

UCPB – 1010 COMML LOT
L.A. 478sqm
Kalayaan St. Sta. Cruz Makati
Minimum Bid Price: P 10,755,000.00

UCPB – 1011 RSDL LOT W/ OLD HOUSE
L.A. 746sqm
19 Paseo De Roxas Ext. Bel-Air
Minimum Bid Price: P 23,568,500.00

UCPB – 1012 RSDL LOT
L.A. 210.8sqm
201 Makati Prime City St. Paul St.
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,100,000.00

UCPB – 1146 COMML LOT
L.A. 317sqm
1765-1767 Garcia St. Reposo
Minimum Bid Price: P 30,877,000.00

MANDALUYONG

UCPB – 1015 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 312sqm w/ 2-STOREY
No. 274 Sta. Lucia St. Plainview
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,635,000.00

UCPB – 1016 PENTHOUSE
F.A. 125sqm
Sierra Madre St. Ark Condo
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,548,719.00

UCPB – 1017 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 140.9sqm
Court Felicided Wak-wak Rd
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,350,000.00

MARIKINA

UCPB – 1018 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 829sqm
Twin River 1 Bo. Nangka
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,200,000.00

PASAY CITY

UCPB – 1019 PENTHOUSE
F.A. 290sqm
Unit 1502 15th Floor Marbella 1,
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,964,000.00

PARAÑAQUE CITY

UCPB – 1020 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 171.2sqm w/ PARKING
908 9th flr Chateau de Baie Condo.
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,931,250.00

UCPB – 1021 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 144.7sqm w/ PARKING
907 9th flr Chateau de Baie Condo
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,421,250.00

UCPB – 1022 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 417sqm F.A. 877.50sqm
Bethsaida St. Multinational Village
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,808,000.00

UCPB – 1023 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 563sqm
Jose Abad Santos Bayview Village
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,774,600.00

UCPB – 1024 RSDL LOT
L.A. 99sqm w/ IMPRVT
L. Gabriel Street
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,576,000.00

PASIG CITY

UCPB – 1025 RSDL LOT
L.A. 224sqm
Bagong Anyo St., Rosario 4 Subd
Minimum Bid Price: P 760,000.00

UCPB – 1025 A CONDO UNIT
F.A. 224.14sqm
Park Chateau, Garnet & Sapphire
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,355,000.00

QUEZON CITY

UCPB – 1147 TOWN HOUSE
L.A. 341.2sqm
10th St. New Manila
Minimum Bid Price: P 10,161,000.00

UCPB – 1148 TOWN HOUSE
L.A. 343.1sqm
10th St. New Manila
Minimum Bid Price: P 11,106,000.00

UCPB – 1026 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 585sqm
44 Zaragosa St. Aranela Village
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,961,500.00

UCPB – 1027 RSDL LOT
L.A. 181.5sqm
Agoo St. New Haven Subd
Minimum Bid Price: P 935,000.00

UCPB – 1028 RSDL W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 96sqm
#17-A Camiling St. NIA Subd
Minimum Bid Price: P 786,250.00

UCPB – 1029 RSLD BLDG
L.A. 102sqm
364 P. Rivera St. Brgy. Sangandaan
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,602,000.00

UCPB – 1030 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 281sqm
Bighani cor Flores de Mayo St.
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,782,500.00

UCPB – 1031 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 120.17sqm w/ PARKING
707 Jade Place Condo, Visayas Ave
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,853,000.00

UCPB – 1032 TOWN HOUSE
L.A. 54sqm
18 Malachi St. Dionisio Royale, Exe
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,380,000.00

UCPB – 1033 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 67.90sqm
Adelina 2 Condominium Columbia
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,377,000.00

UCPB – 1034 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 103sqm
Goodwill Home Ph 2, Bagbag Nov
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,376,000.00

UCPB – 1035 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 149sqm
Noemi St. Goodwill Homes Ph 1
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,656,000.00

UCPB – 1036 2 DOOR APARTMNT
L.A. 155sqm
Metrogreen Village, Bagbag, Nov
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,122,344.00

UCPB – 1037 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 63sqm
209 2nd flr Prince Jun Condo
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,289,000.00

UCPB – 1038 RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,139sqm
G. Meadows Ave. Green Meadow
Minimum Bid Price: P 45,883,000.00

UCPB – 1039 RSDL LOT
L.A. 581sqm
Cynthia St., Doña Carmen Subd
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,730,000.00

UCPB – 1040 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 400sqm
Maamo St. Sikatuna Vill, Diliman
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,800,000.00

UCPB – 1041 TOWN HOUSE
F.A. 68sqm
Trafalgar Manor, Esteban Abada St.,
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,026,000.00

GREENHILLS SAN JUAN

UCPB – 1042 OFFICE CONDO
F.A. 279sqm
Goldhill Tower, Annapolis St.
Minimum Bid Price: P 11,800,000.00

UCPB – 1045 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 926sqm
Madison & Polk St. North Greenhills
Minimum Bid Price: P 36,320,000.00

UCPB – 1046 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 180 sqm
One Beverly Place Condo Annapolis
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,400,000.00

VALENZUELA CITY

UCPB – 1047 RSDL LOT
L.A. 264sqm w/ IMPRVT
700 Mango Grove Subd., Coloong 2
Minimum Bid Price: P 272,000.00

UCPB – 1048 RSDL LOT
L.A. 193sqm w/ IMPRVT
14 Little Tagaytay St. Polo
Minimum Bid Price: P 654,500.00

ANTIPOLO

UCPB – 1049 RSDL LOT
L.A. 834sqm
Selford St. Town & Country Estates
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,694,500.00

UCPB – 1050 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 185sqm, F.A. 164sqm
Cuesta Verde Exec. Village,
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,002,000.00

UCPB – 1053 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,151sqm
Town & Country Estates
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,717,000.00

UCPB – 1054 A RSDL LOT
L.A. 392sqm
Cherry St. Town & Country Estates
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,056,400.00

UCPB – 1061 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,004sqm
Brgy. Rd. Brgy. May – Iba Teresa
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,470,500.00

CAINTA/ TAYTAY/ ANGONO

UCPB – 1062 RSDL LOT
L.A. 382sqm w/ IMPRVT
Noel Subd. Brgy. Dolores Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: P 796,416.00

UCPB – 1063 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 240sqm, F.A. 208sqm
Williamsburg St. Richmond Subd
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,701,000.00

UCPB – 1064 RSDL LOT
L.A. 408sqm
Village East III Darangan
Minimum Bid Price: P 734,000.00

UCPB – 1065 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,054 sqm
#151 Ilang – Ilang St. Neves Hills
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,944,000.00

UCPB – 1066 RSDL LOT
L.A. 230,220sqm
Feeder Rd. Bo. Guitnang Bayan
Minimum Bid Price: P 10,359,000.00

UCPB – 1067 RSDL LOT
L.A. 4,745sqm w/ IMPRVMNT
Condrado St. Vista Verde Exec
Minimum Bid Price: P 9,965,000.00

BULACAN

UCPB – 1068 RSDL LOT
L.A. 161sqm
Opel St. Villacor Vill. Meycauayan
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,720,000.00

UCPB – 1069 RSDL LOT
L.A. 221sqm
3rd St. Bo. Fatima Sapang Palay
Minimum Bid Price: P 340,000.00

UCPB – 1071 RSDL LOT
L.A. 206sqm
Ayukit St. Subd Turo Bocaue
Minimum Bid Price: P 453,200.00

UCPB – 1072 IND'S FACTORY
L.A. 22,311.48sqm F.A. VARIOUS
Northwest Lne Bo. Palubog
Minimum Bid Price: P 34,866,000.00

UCPB – 1149 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 200sqm
Avocado St. Area F Sapang Palay
Minimum Bid Price: P 350,000.00

CAVITE CITY

UCPB – 1073 CONDOTEL
F.A. 182.80sqm
Southwoods Villa, Carmona
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,507,292.00

UCPB – 1074 RESORT BLDG
L.A. 1,238sqm w/ POOL
Villa Ramirez Subd Taban Kawit
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,771,000.00

UCPB – 1077 COMML LOT
L.A. 4,909sqm
Macaria Business Cent. Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price: P 38,242,350.00

UCPB – 1077 A COMML LOT
L.A. 3,324sqm
Macaria Business Cent. Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price: P 25,428,600.00

UCPB – 1078 CONDOTEL/RESORT
F.A. 71sqm
Vista De Loro Heights Puerto Azul
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,589,500.00

UCPB – 1079 RSDL LOT
L.A. 615sqm
M. Southwoods, Cabilang Baybay
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,527,000.00

UCPB – 1080 INDSTL LOT
L.A. 7,070sqm
Bo. Niog II Bacoor
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,926,500.00

UCPB – 1081 RESORT HOUSE
L.A. 240sqm
Punta Del Rio Resort & Country
Minimum Bid Price: P 7,140,000.00

BIÑAN / SAN PADRO & STA ROSA

UCPB – 1086 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,211sqm (2-storey)
Bo. Pooc, Sta. Rosa
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,003,701.00

UCPB – 1087 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 370sqm, F.A. 104sqm
Maharlika St. United San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,430,000.00

TAGAYTAY CITY

UCPB – 1088 CONDO UNIT
F.A. 100.25sqm
#128 Leighton Garden Condo
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,042,000.00

UCPB – 1089 VACANT LOT
L.A. 11,572sqm
Bo. Maharlika East, Tagaytay
Minimum Bid Price: P 17,850,000.00

LAGUNA

UCPB – 1150 RSDL LOT
L.A. 480sqm
Caliraya Lake Resort Subd. Ph II
Minimum Bid Price: P 225,000.00

UCPB – 1090 RSDL LOT
L.A. 200sqm
L6 Marymount Village, Phase 3
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,834,200.00

UCPB – 1091 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,440sqm W/ IMPRVT
Grand Rivera Subd. Bukhan Sur
Minimum Bid Price: P 13,275,000.00

UCPB – 1092 RSDL LOT
L.A. 300sqm
Diversion Rd. Bukhan Sur, Pila
Minimum Bid Price: P 8,640,000.00

UCPB – 1093 RSDL LOT
L.A. 300sqm
Magnolia St. Villa Adelina III
Minimum Bid Price: P 585,500.00

UCPB – 1094 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,982sqm
Conrado St. Manno Subd., San Lucas
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,802,500.00

UCPB – 1095 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,548sqm
Nat'l Hi-way Banca-banca Victoria
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,925,000.00

UCPB – 1097 RSDL LOT
L.A. 271sqm
Along Richwood Park, Calamba
Minimum Bid Price: P 414,630.00

UCPB – 1099 RESORT BLDG
L.A. 300sqm
Mona Making Villa, Pansol, Calamba
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,600,000.00

UCPB – 1100 RSDL LOT
L.A. 121sqm
Magnolia St. Villa Adelina III, Butlan
Minimum Bid Price: P 467,500.00

UCPB – 1101 RSDL LOT
L.A. 305sqm
Palacio Real Subd. Calamba
Minimum Bid Price: P 699,975.00

BATANGAS CITY

UCPB – 1105 POULTRY & PIGGERY
L.A. 37,117sqm w/ HOUSE
National Road Bo. Tangob,
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,652,200.00

UCPB – 1108 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 2,935sqm
Lod-lod Road, Purok 6, Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,000,500.00

UCPB – 1109 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 686sqm
Bo. Rd. Tiambo, Taysan
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,010,000.00

UCPB – 1110 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,034sqm
Kmpilako St. Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: P 27,860,000.00

UCPB – 1111 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,843sqm w/ IMPRVMNT
Brgy. Banay-banay, Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,570,000.00

UCPB – 1112 COMML LOT
L.A. 322sqm
Kapulsko St., Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,150,000.00

UCPB – 1113 COMML LOT
L.A. 755sqm W/ IMPRVT
Gen. Luna St. Cor. Athenian Rd.,
Minimum Bid Price: P 7,135,200.00

UCPB – 1114 COMML LOT
L.A. 11,832sqm W/ IMPRVT
Nat'l Rd., Brgy. Dugtong na Pulo,
Minimum Bid Price: P 26,308,000.00

UCPB – 1115 RESORT
L.A. 30,080sqm
Within Brgy. Balanga, Lemery
Minimum Bid Price: P 17,025,000.00

UCPB – 1116 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,303sqm
Ilustre Ave. Cor. A. Bonifacio St.
Minimum Bid Price: P 30,800,000.00

UCPB – 1161 RSDL LOT
L.A. 5,501sqm w/ IMPRVMT
Sakura Exec. Village Bo. Marauoy
Minimum Bid Price: P 30,800,000.00

QUEZON

UCPB – 1119 INDSL LOT
L.A. 8,477sqm
Bo. Isabang Mun. of Tayabas
Minimum Bid Price: P 11,385,000.00

UCPB – 1120 3 DOOR APRT
L.A. 320sqm
Villa San Lorenzo Subd. Phase 2 Ibe
Minimum Bid Price: P 594,000.00

UCPB – 1121 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 75sqm w/ WARE HOUSE
Enriquez St. Poblacion Lucena
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,705,500.00

UCPB – 1123 INDSL LOT
L.A. 1,168sqm W/ IMPRVT
Purok Malahimik Cotta Lucena
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,322,504.00

UCPB – 1124 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,508 sqm
Nat'l Road Bo. Iyam Lucena
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,205,000.00

UCPB – 1125 RSDL LOT
L.A. 250sqm
San Isidro Subd. Bo. Gulang-gulang
Minimum Bid Price: P 588,491.00

UCPB – 1126 COMML BLDG
INDSTRIAL w/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 480sqm F.A. 519.16sqm
Purok Malahimik Cotta
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,025,000.00

UCPB – 1127 RSDL LOT
L.A. 7,533sqm
CPG Ave. East St. Tagbiliran
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,450,000.00

UCPB – 1128 RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,273sqm
Teodoro Bantol St. Tagbiliran
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,727,000.00

UCPB – 1151 RSDL LOT
L.A. 481sqm
Lucena-Dalahican Port Rd. Dumacaa
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,317,500.00

UCPB – 1152 COMML LOT
L.A. 5,074sqm
Quezon Ave. Brgy. 8,
Minimum Bid Price: P 20,467,000.00

UCPB – 1153 COMML LOT
L.A. 3,796sqm
Purok Cotta Lucena
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,589,200.00

UCPB – 1154 COMML LOT
L.A. 170sqm
Leon Guinto Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,181,400.00

UCPB – 1155 RSDL LOT
L.A. 180sqm
Bolivia St. Betterliving Subd Isabang
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,440,000.00

UCPB – 1156 AGRI-LOT
L.A. 30,400sqm
Provincial Rd. Bo. Pule San Antonio
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,914,000.00

BATAAN CITY

UCPB 1129 – HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 300sqm, F.A. 89sqm
Halcon St. Mt. View Subd. Mariveles
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,470,000.00

UCPB – 1158 VACANT LOT
L.A. 201sqm
AB Fernandez Ave. East Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price: P 4,600,000.00

NUEVA ECIJA

UCPB – 1130 AGRO-INDSL
L.A. 1,430sqm
Brgy. San Pascual, Talavera
Minimum Bid Price: P 324,000.00

UCPB – 1159 AGRI LOT
L.A. 58,109sqm
Sitio Dibit, Makabaklay, Gapan
Minimum Bid: P 750,000.00

TARLAC CITY

UCPB 1131 – INDSL LOT
L.A. 4,3871sqm (w/ poultry house)
Bo. San Agustin Concepcion
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,217,200.00

UCPB 1132 – AGRO-INDSL LOT
L.A. 111,656sqm
Bo. Sapang Maragul
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,582,800.00

UCPB – 1160 RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,379sqm
Bo. San Isidro, Tarlac
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,160,000.00

UCPB – 1161 AGRI-LOT
L.A. 43,698sqm
Brgy. Baldios Mun. of Sta. Ignacia
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,016,000.00

PAMPANGA CITY

UCPB 1133 – INDUSTRIAL LOT
L.A. 56,580sqm
Bo. Mabiga, Mabalacat
Minimum Bid Price: P 7,215,007.00

UCPB – 1162 AGRO-INDTRL LOT
L.A. 72,152sqm
Brgy. Sulipan Apalit Pampanga
Minimum Bid Price: P 10,874,000.00

ISABELA CITY

UCPB 1134 – COMML BLDG
L.A. 188sqm, F.A. 576sqm
Brgy. Villasis, Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price: P 6,150,000.00

UCPB 1135 – RSDL BLDG
L.A. 374sqm F.A. 233.5sqm
Rizal Street, Centro Roxas
Minimum Bid Price: P 2,502,000.00

UCPB 1136 – RSDL LOT
L.A. 987sqm
Pro Rd. Bo. Ipil, Echague, Isabela
Minimum Bid Price: P 830,000.00

UCPB 1137 – PIGGERY
L.A. 32,357sqm (Various)
Bo. Road, Bo. Del Pilar, Alicia
Minimum Bid Price: P 20,470,600.00

UCPB 1138 – INDUSTRIAL LOT
L.A. 12,320sqm F.A. 3,181.00sqm
Capirpiriwan, Cordon, Isabela
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,600,000.00

UCPB – 1163 RSDL LOT
L.A. 501sqm
Bablista Village, Calao East,
Santiago City
Minimum Bid Price: P 511,200.00

ALBAY

UCPB 1139 – RSDL LOT
L.A. 181sqm W/ IMPRVT
Valusco Subd. Daraga
Minimum Bid Price: P 735,300.00

UCPB – 1164 RSDL LOT
L.A. 200sqm
Bo. Taheo, Old Albay Legaspi City
Minimum Bid Price: P 690,000.00

UCPB – 1165 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 725sqm, F.A. 531sqm
Sunrise Subdivision, Legaspi
Minimum Bid Price: P 14,614,200.00

UCPB – 1166 COMML LOT
L.A. 858sqm
Brgy. Arimbay, Legaspi
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,544,400.00

UCPB – 1167 COMML BLDG
L.A. 421sqm (2 STOREY)
Penaranda St. Legaspi
Minimum Bid Price: P 9,931,500.00

UCPB – 1168 RSDL LOT
L.A. 204sqm
La Playa Village, Bowol, Legaspi City
Minimum Bid Price: P 749,700.00

UCPB – 1169 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 558sqm, F.A. 428sqm
Sevel Village (Subd) Daraga
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,101,400.00

UCPB – 1170 RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,408sqm
Magayon Drive, Daraga
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,534,840.00

UCPB – 1171 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 415sqm, F.A. 318
Barada, Legaspi
Minimum Bid Price: P 1,710,000.00

UCPB – 1172 RSDL LOT
L.A. 622sqm
Villahermosa Nat'l Hi-way Daraga
Minimum Bid Price: P 224,100.00

SORSOGON

UCPB 1140 – RSDL LOT
L.A. 200sqm
510 Magsaysay Ext. Bo. Bibingkahan
Minimum Bid Price: P 780,000.00

CAMARINES NORTE

UCPB - 1141 RSDL LOT
L.A. 847sqm
Saniol St. Liboton, Naga City
Minimum Bid Price: P 890,000.00

UCPB 1142 RSDL LOT
L.A. 4,455sqm
Isarog Ave. Brgy. Tinago Naga City
Minimum Bid Price: P 8,460,000.00

UCPB 1143 – RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,633sqm w/ IMPRVMT
Rollsville Subd. Bo. Tambo Pamplona
Minimum Bid Price: P 5,610,000.00

BENGUET

UCPB 1144 - COMML LOT
L.A. 250sqm w/ IMPRVT
Palma St. Palma Urbano, Baguio
Minimum Bid Price: P 3,510,000.00

UCPB 1145 - Subdivision Lots
L.A. 29,754sqm (84 Titles)
Vista Verde Hts. Subd. Virac, Ilogon
Minimum Bid Price: P 19,200,000.00

San Antonio Village
Makati City
PALM TOWER
Commercial Units
21.00sqm P 571,200.00
34.29sqm P 894,797.55
103.48sqm P 2,568,373.60

San Antonio Village
Makati City
PALM TOWER
Residential Units
36.36sqm P 1,137,340.80
65.00sqm P 2,033,200.00
107.05sqm P 2,865,996.00

Annapolis Geenhills
San Juan
ATLANTA CENTER
Office Units
76.57sqm P 2,439,520.20
95.83sqm P 3,053,143.80
159.06sqm P 5,711,844.60

Biñan, Laguna
SOUTHVILLE VILLAGE
Residential Lots
130sqm P 228,150.00
207sqm P 306,697.50
300sqm P 522,750.00

Lipa, Batangas
MT. MALARAYAT GOLF
Fairway Lots
966sqm P 3,081,669.90
1,526sqm P 4,836,551.01
2,258sqm P 7,156,574.16

Dasmariñas, Cavite
TOWN & COUNTRY
Residential Lots
180sqm P 504,000.00
200sqm P 560,000.00
308sqm P 862,400.00

Antipolo City
COTTONWOODS HEIGHTS
Residential Lots
200sqm P 646,000.00
345sqm P 1,114,350.00
459sqm P 1,482,570.00

Lipa, Batangas
GOLDEN SUBDIVISION
Residential Lots
(17 lots) 1,483sqm P 1,870,031.00
(28 lots) 2,361sqm P 2,977,171.00
(51 lots) 3,267sqm P 4,119,618.00

Cavite City
SOUTHWOODS CARMONA
Residential Lots
470sqm P 1,997,500.00
506sqm P 2,392,750.00
609sqm P 2,588,250.00

Antipolo City
HILLS OF MAIA ALTA
Residential Lots
170sqm P 505,750.00
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Project: Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR)
Loan No.: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
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3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue	Remarks
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 11,500.00	From 14-18, Feb.	8 am – 5 pm	PRRC 2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road Old Balara, Quezon City, 1105	Eligibility checklist is free of charge
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From 14-18, Feb.	8 am – 5 pm		For those who secured only the Eligibility Checklist
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b. Site Inspection	1 March	2 pm	Hospicio Canteen inside Fort Santiago Intramuros, Manila	Right after Pre-Bid Conference
Deadline for submission of Bids	14 March	10 am	PRRC (same address)	Late bids (bids submitted after 10 am) shall not be accepted
Opening of Bids	14 March	10:15 am	PRRC (same address)	Bids shall be opened in the presence of the bidders

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5. Bidding (Eligibility Check / Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the *"Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers"* pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 and ADB Guidelines for the Procurement of Civil Works as standardized under the harmonized ADB-GOP Procurement of Works guidelines.
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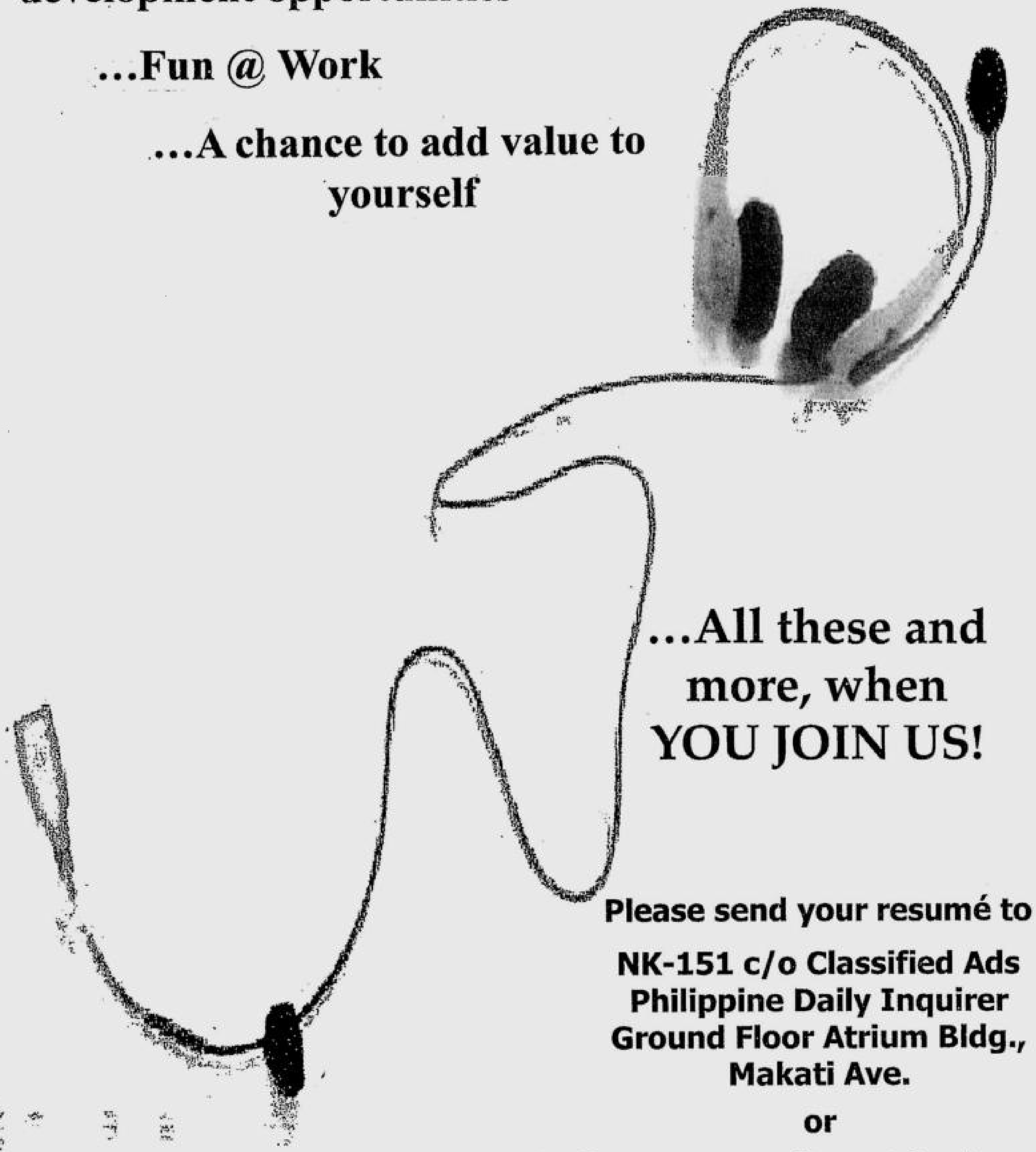

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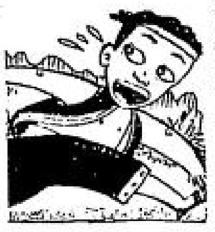

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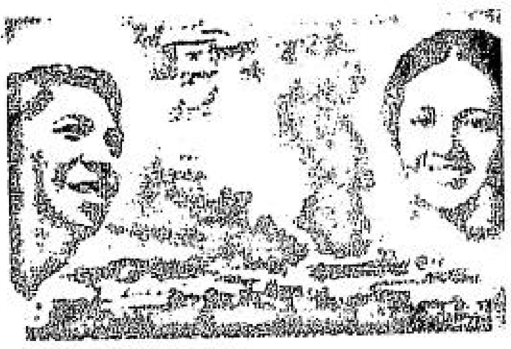

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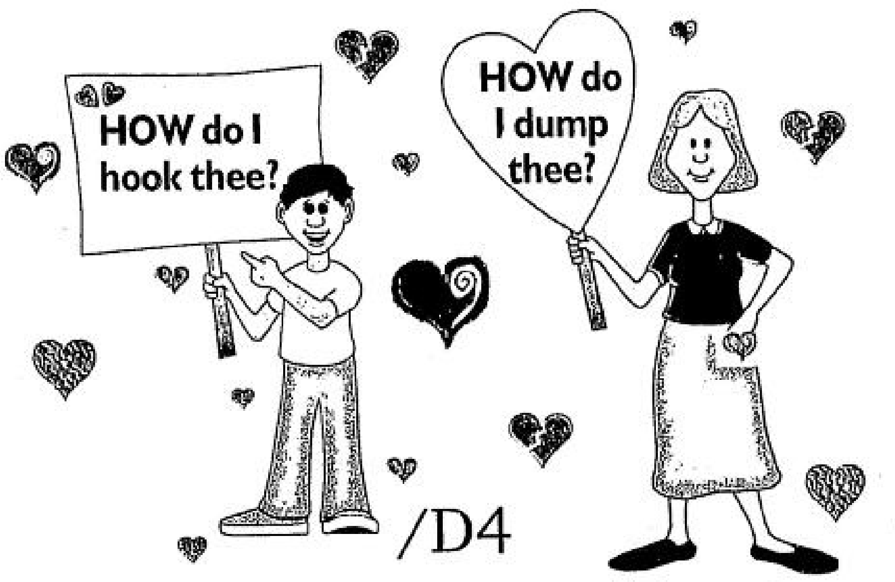
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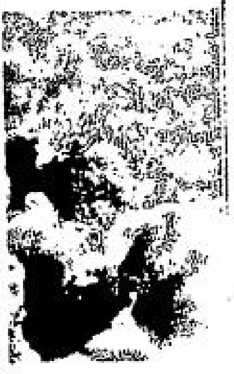

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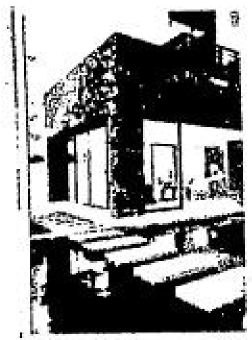

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Hope springs eternal for poor Laguna village

Barrio Langgam is an anthill of poverty. But with some help from a devout Catholic family, it has become a beacon of hope and progress

MANG Conrado, his wife Leah and their children

By Meldy Pelejo
Contributor

POVERTY is an overwhelming problem. But a simple solution is proposed by economist Cielito Habito—for every "non-poor" family to adopt a poor family.

Mian Wright Añover not only adopted a family; she adopted a whole community.

Her foray into community work at Sitio Rustan, Barrio Langgam, a strip of land at the far end of San Pedro, started when the husband of Yolita Tilad or Yaya Lita, the family's nanny, died in May 2002. When she went to the funeral, Añover saw how poor Yaya Lita and her neighbors were.

Later that year, October 2002, Msgr. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, was canonized, and Añover, a devotee, begged the saint for an answer on how to help Sitio Rustan.

She then learned that a house in the barrio was up for sale. She bought the unfinished house and converted it into a playhouse. Later, mothers who regularly brought their kids to the playhouse convinced her to make it into a daycare center.

With help from relatives and friends, the St. Josemaria DayCare Center was constructed. Classes opened on July 3, 2003 with 35 enrollees.

Slowly, Añover got acquainted with the families of the barrio. Quite a number were common-law couples and needed to be married. Most of the 125 families there lived by scavenging. One of them, Mang Conrad, was nearly gunned down by a scavenging syndicate armed with armalites because of the competition. The families barely managed to keep body and soul together. Most professed to be impervious to religion because of pressures to earn a living.

But Añover organized a weekly Bible class for the men and catechism of the women. Not much later, the couples who were not yet married in Church agreed to receive the sacrament. In 2003, some 20 children were baptized.

The parish priest was happy and started to celebrate Sunday Mass every weekend in the barrio.

Small businesses

Añover also helped the people become economically viable. A friend referred her to a non-governmental organization called Development Advocacy for Women Volunteerism (DAWV). Staff from DAWV surveyed the community to see the feasibility of setting up a micro-lending scheme to help the residents in putting up small businesses.

YAYA Lita and the *sari-sari* store

DAWV's initiative called "Puso at Piso" ("Heart and Peso") involved saving as low as P20. After a period, members could loan twice of what they had saved. Sitio Rustan residents who wanted to be part of the program went through an orientation seminar. Only then did Puso at Piso finally start in Sitio Rustan.

Añover beamed with pride as she explained how their starting fund of P10,000 had grown to P26,000 in two years.

However, as she later discovered, raising capital is just one aspect of the problem. Finding alternative livelihood is another.

"We went into rag making but we could not continue," she said. "We couldn't afford the high-speed sewing machines. We have a detergent making business... (which) we're hoping someone could help us market. We help them also go into mushroom production."

Mang Conrado was one of those who tried mushroom growing together with Yaya Lita, his next-door neighbor in Sitio Rustan. Housing the seedlings provided by the Añover couple in a small shack at the side of their house, he successfully cultivated and harvested mushrooms.

Añover said the success of the business should show that the poor want to help themselves. "The poor do not want to remain poor. Given the opportunity, they will try their best," Añover said.

Thirty-nine-year-old Dolores Barcoma, who lost her first husband, has been living in Sitio Rustan since 1994. She has six children with Jimmy, a jeepney driver, and four from her previous marriage. She had put up a small beauty parlor before, but closed it down because of lack of clientele.

So, with Añover's support, Dolores took up a three-month cosmetology course at the Technical Educational Services Development Authority. Once she completed it, she started offering cosmetic services to Añover and her friends. Now, she has a growing base of clients—including *balikbayan* relatives of her clientele—in Alabang Hillsborough for foot spa, pedicure and manicure.

Añover, together with her husband, lawyer Gig Añover, knew they could not improve the lives of Sitio Rustan's residents on their own. Thankfully, the daycare center they put up has spawned other projects—unexpected and unimagined—and has attracted volunteers from as far as Australia and New Zealand.

During their visit to Sitio Rustan, DAWV found that the place was also an ideal site for an international Work Camp. But the place needed a multipurpose hall.

In January 2004, six months after setting up the daycare center, 24 women volunteers from Australia and New Zealand made up of young professionals, high school and university students arrived for DAWV's Work Camp.

With funds they raised personally and the other half provided by Gig Añover, the volunteers started building the hall.

For three weeks, the volunteers mixed cement and worked manually on the hall's construction in the morning. In the afternoon, they taught catechism and played with the children and gave livelihood and nutrition classes to the mothers.

In March 2004, 24 high school girls from the Narra Club in Las Piñas also held their rural service Project in Bo. Langgam. They finished the painting of the multipurpose hall and also gave classes to the women and children.

In March 30, 2004, the hall was blessed and was fittingly named Philippine-Australia-New Zealand Friendship Hall or PAN-Z Hall in short.

Since then, PAN-Z Hall has been the venue of all the Masses, catechism classes, medical missions and other outreach activities organized by friends and by other groups volunteering to help the people of Sitio Rustan.

Family affair

Añover's eldest daughter, Tipin, later organized a music appreciation activity for the kids and parents. She lectured on the violin, flute and guitar. She brought there guest artists such as my niece and her classmate from St. Scholastica. She organized a raffle whose proceeds were used to buy a water dispenser for the daycare center as well as several storybooks and educational posters for the classroom.

Añover's eldest son, Paul, has also brought a number of his schoolmates to the barrio to help in the activities.

"Friends who see that you are serious with your project do not hesitate to extend whatever help they can give," Añover said. "My personal dentist from the Abesamis Dental Clinic together with her fellow dentists has visited (the community) three times already. They brought their own supplies."

Members of the Little Girls Club in Ayala Alabang organized by Milet Lorenzo and Sally Naval visited the children of Bo. Langgam last December. They held a storytelling activity and gave the kids schoolbags and toys.

Friends of her friends would pass on her plea for more support. Such was the case of Vicky Wienecke who heard about Mian's initiatives from a friend. It was Vicky who organized the first six-month full-feeding program for the barrio children to address the malnutrition problem there with the support of Asian Development Bank, Living Light Community, Kabisig ng Kalahi and Mead Johnson.

Dr. Lea Umil heard about Añover's initiative through Narra Club. With her fellow doctors, she arranged several medical missions in the community.

Dr. Umil also introduced Dr. Mila Olivarez-Bolivarey of MOB Foundation to the community in November 2004. Dr. Olivarez was so moved she decided straight away to adopt Sitio Rustan as one of MOB Foundation's beneficiary communities. Medical-dental missions will be held every quarter. Moreover, MOB will sponsor the second feeding program for Sitio Rustan's children, which will run from February to July this year.

Now, Yaya Lita is retired and runs her own *sari-sari* store which she set up using the retirement gift of P3,000 she received from the Añovers.

Mang Conrado continues to ply his *kariton* every day looking for junk and selling them to earn money. He hopes to be able to save enough to buy seedlings to grow mushrooms again with Yaya Lita. Despite the difficulties, he remains hopeful.

Aling Dolores looks forward to her wedding day with partner Jimmy once their papers are put in order. She hopes that Jimmy would one day have a permanent job. She, too, dreams of seeing all her 10 children finish school.

The efforts of Añover, a Bacolod native of British descent, to help a family and its community show how collectively the Filipinos can pull our needy fellowmen out of the cycle of poverty. If every "non-poor" Filipino family adopts a poor family, this country may yet eradicate poverty before 2015. Like Añover, you can begin with those who live nearby or work for you. Start simply, pray a lot and help others.

YOLITA Tilad with children

MIAN Wright Añover with her family

Other woman is her officemate

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

My husband and I are government employees working in the same agency. Ten years ago, I discovered his affair with one of our officemates. They even had a son together. Unluckily, I was not able to give him a son but we have three daughters.

I tried not to create any trouble because my children were all minors then. Though I kept my silence, I had them separated physically. The incident created a scandal in our agency.

My husband tried to appease me by including me in a project so we'd be working together. But I was recalled to the main office where the other woman is currently detailed.

I was so devastated because everything that happened before came rushing back. I told our division chief I would abide by her decision provided the other woman was transferred. The chief said she had no reason to do that. She told me to just forgive and forget everything.

How could I forgive when the woman did not even ask for it? And how could I forget when I would now have to see that home wrecker every day?

I want to resign but we need two jobs to pay for our three daughters' college tuition. I have sleepless nights and I am now thinking of leaving my husband and living on my own. My two elder daughters are graduating this year.

I want to get old living in peace, without heartaches, and to reach my twilight years without worries. There's no more trust in my marriage and what I feel for him is just the obligation of a wife. Am I too selfish to think of myself now?

SELFISH WIFE?

Stop apologizing for being selfish! It's a human frailty because you are not a god, and you're excused for thinking of your survival!

If your husband is still carrying on with his mistress, then you have cause for concern. But if their only connection now is their son, it will be divine if you offer the ultimate sacrifice—that you let him support the child. Children should not be caught in any crossfire.

I know you'd rather kill the other woman than to forgive and forget. But whether you believe it or even accept it, there is such an overwhelming sense of peace once you unload this burden and offer it to the heavens and do exactly that—forgive and forget.

It is not going to be easy, but start by refraining from constantly cursing the woman under your breath or even talking against her with your close friends. The more you keep that sordid phase fresh in your mind, the more it will haunt you.

Let the saying, "what is remembered is forever young," refer to happy, loving moments and not to this heartbreaking episode.

There's nothing more liberating than chucking this awful hurt from your heart and honestly believing that, when you do, it will dissipate into thin air. It's done, it's over, you can never undo anything anymore.

But you can move on. Leave your husband if there's not an iota of love left and if you feel nothing at all is worth saving in your marriage. Stay together because you want to and not because you have to. Nobody should have the carte blanche to make you unhappy.

Life is *tooo* short to be miserable.

He's attached

I am 25 years old and single. I have a crush on this cute guy that I met a few months ago. We are from the same office but in different sections. It is quite difficult for us to get to know or even talk to each other.

But I was wrong. One day he e-mailed me. We then communicated through e-mail, texts and phone calls and got the chance to be close.

It wasn't long before I realized that I was falling more deeply for him. Problem is he has a girlfriend. I've been avoiding him, but every time I did, he'd ask what my problem was or if he did anything wrong. To avoid questions from him, I decided to be friends with him and continue what we had.

But every time he'd visit his girlfriend I would get hurt and I'd realize there could be no "us." I am getting so frustrated.

His actions tell me he likes me. I want to hold on to our friendship but I want to let go of my feelings for him. I love him so much but I don't know if he feels the same way, too.

What can I do? Should I let go of the feeling? If not, is it worth the wait?

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This guy may be making a pass at you subconsciously. Or he may really only like you as a friend. Blame propinquity in office settings. This guy probably feels so comfortable with you that he is unknowingly giving an illusion of something akin to romance.

If you have the guts to know the truth, ask him pointblank if there is more to this friendship. Two things may happen. First he might really be in love with you and only needs a push like this; or, second, he might be jolted into reality and apologize and tell you he only wants your friendship as he is really in love with his girlfriend.

Whatever, that should put an end to this cliffhanger once and for all. Will you have the courage to accept the truth?

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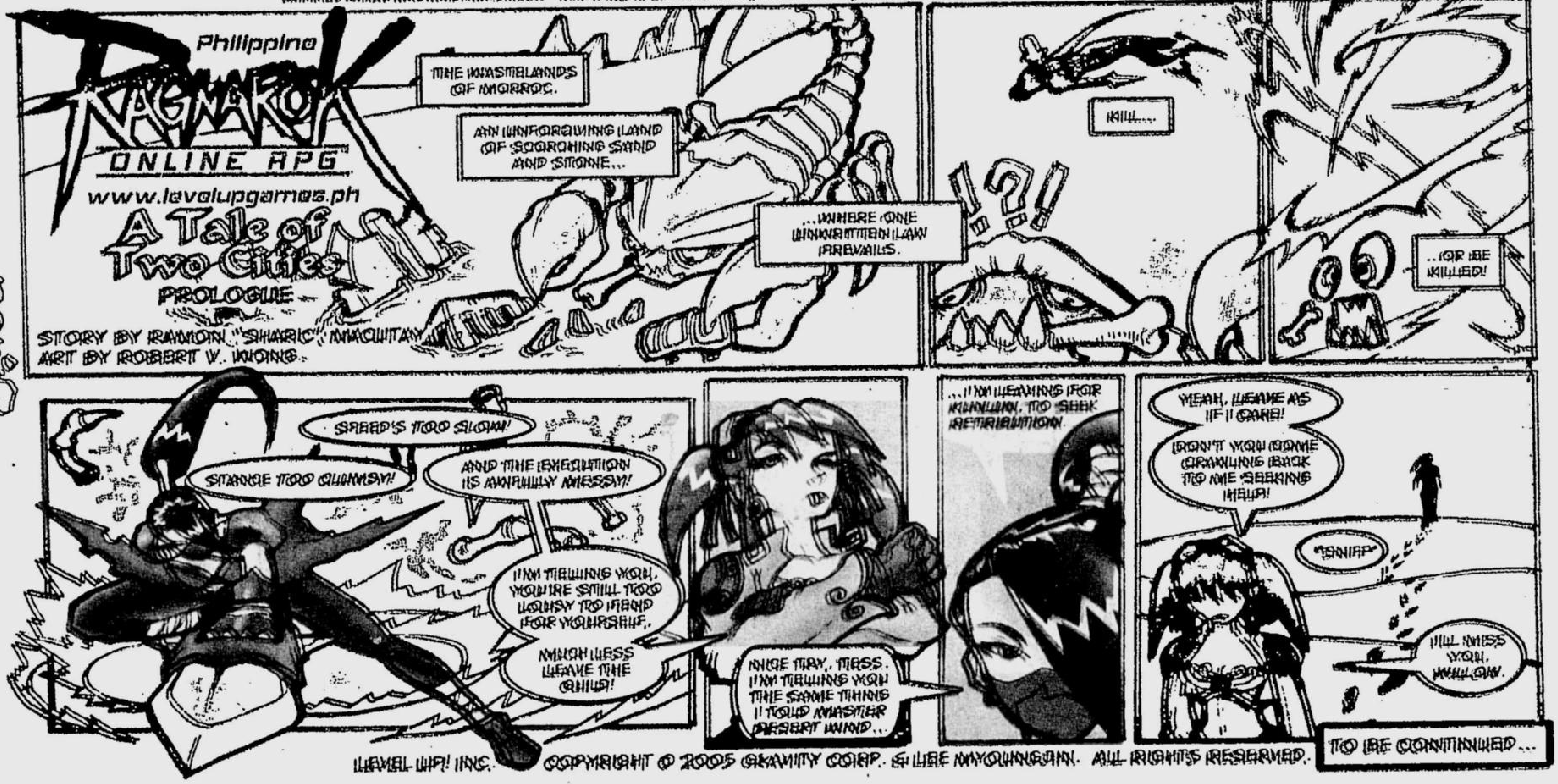
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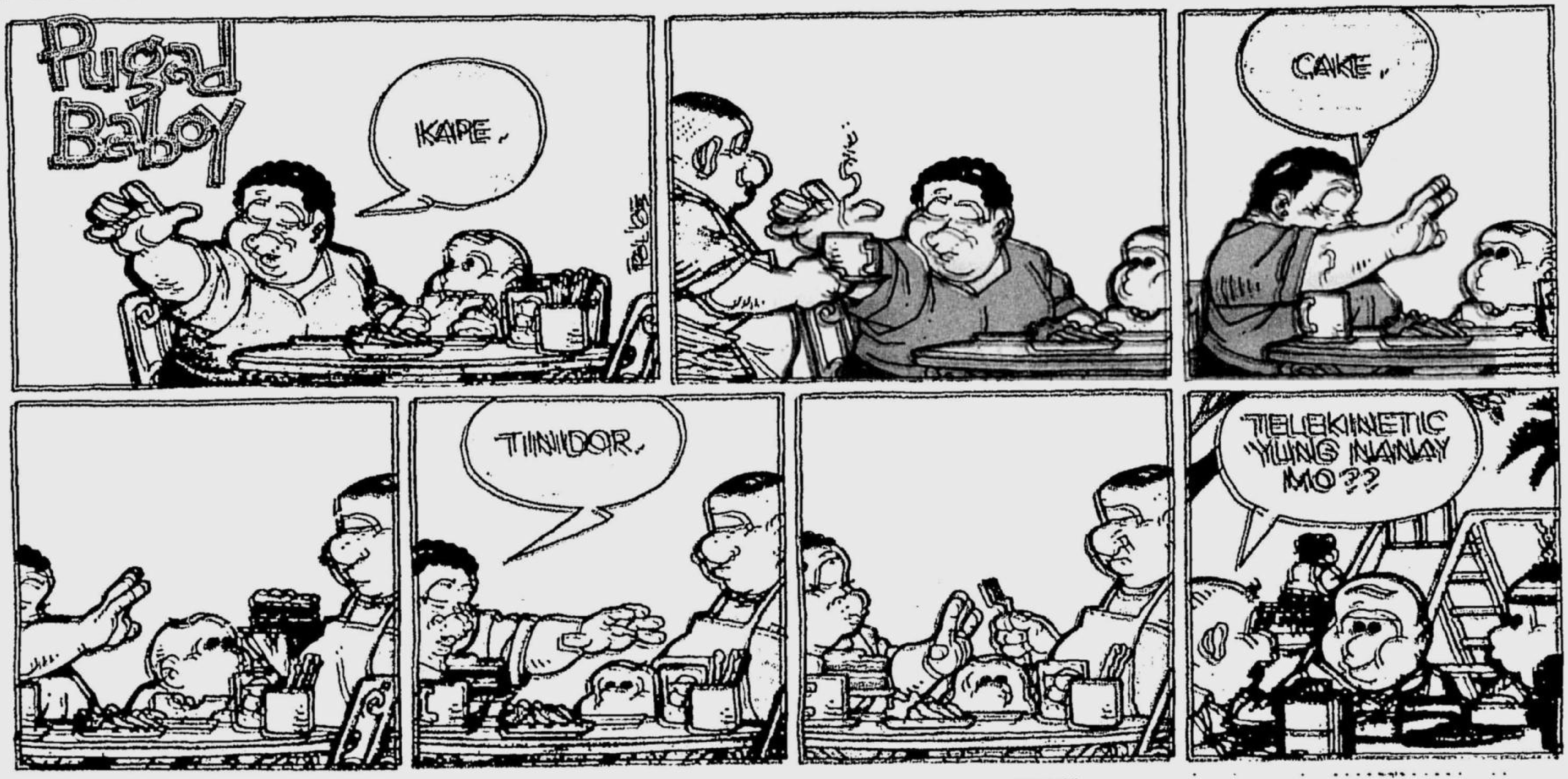
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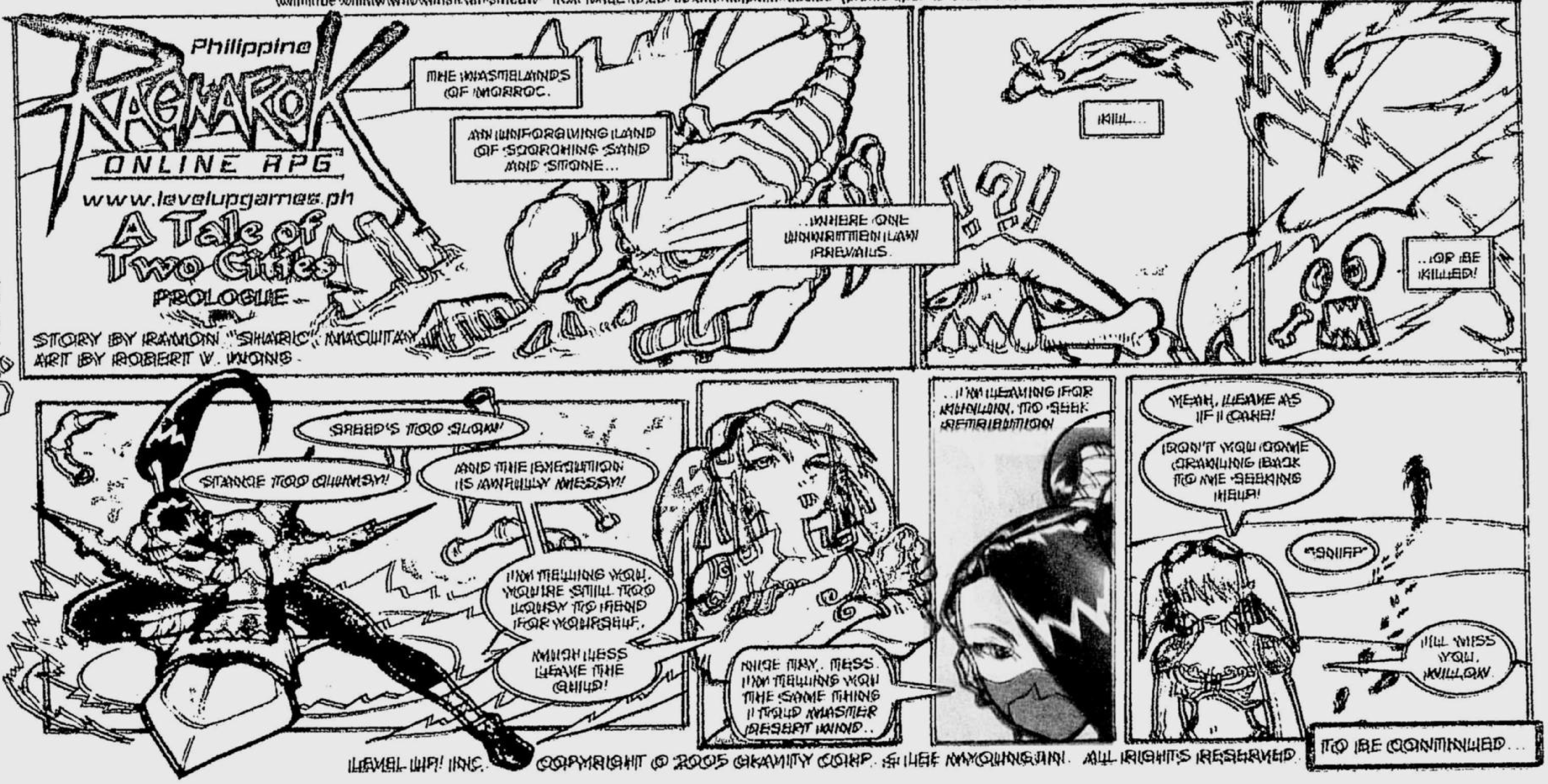
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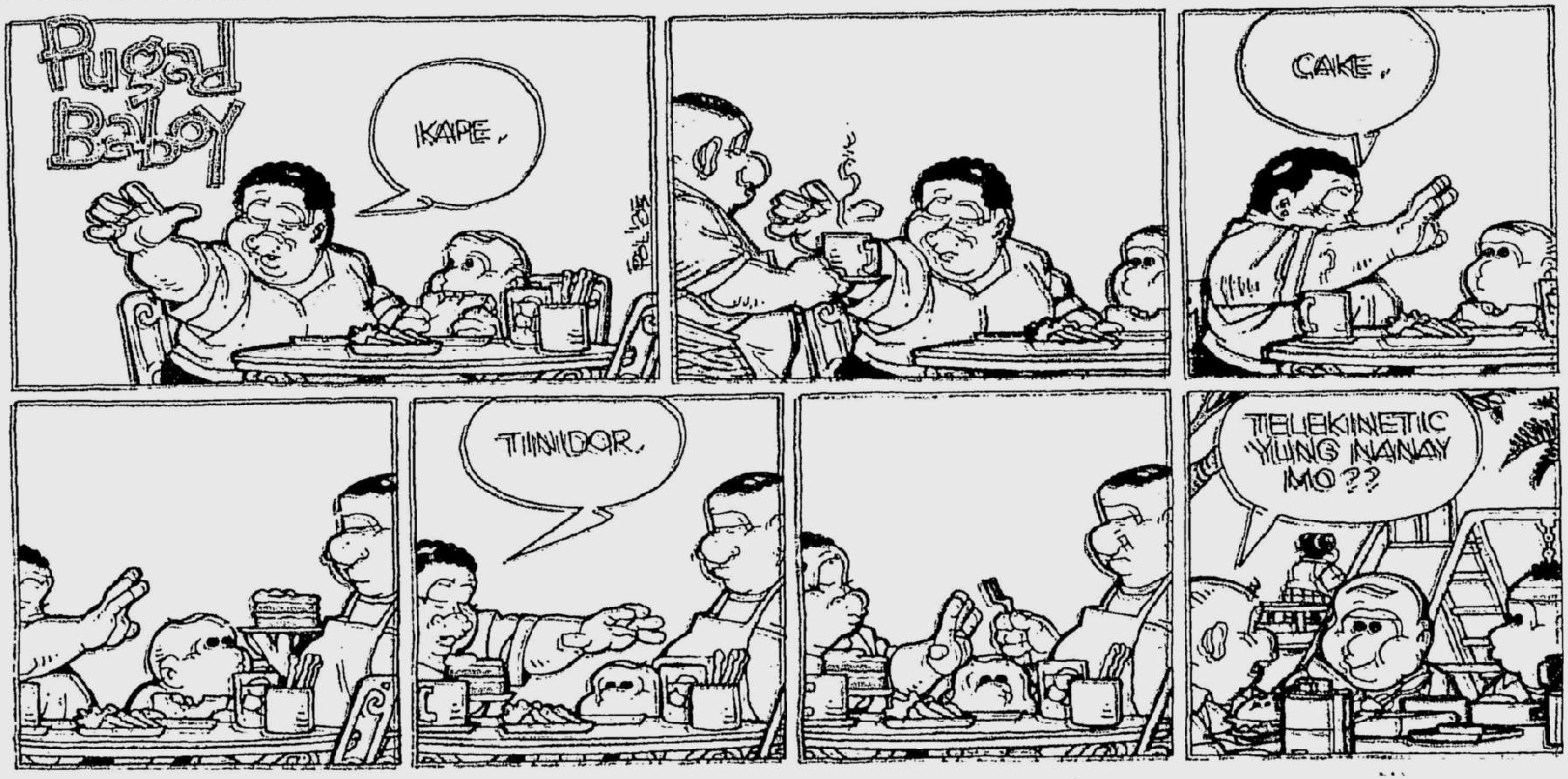
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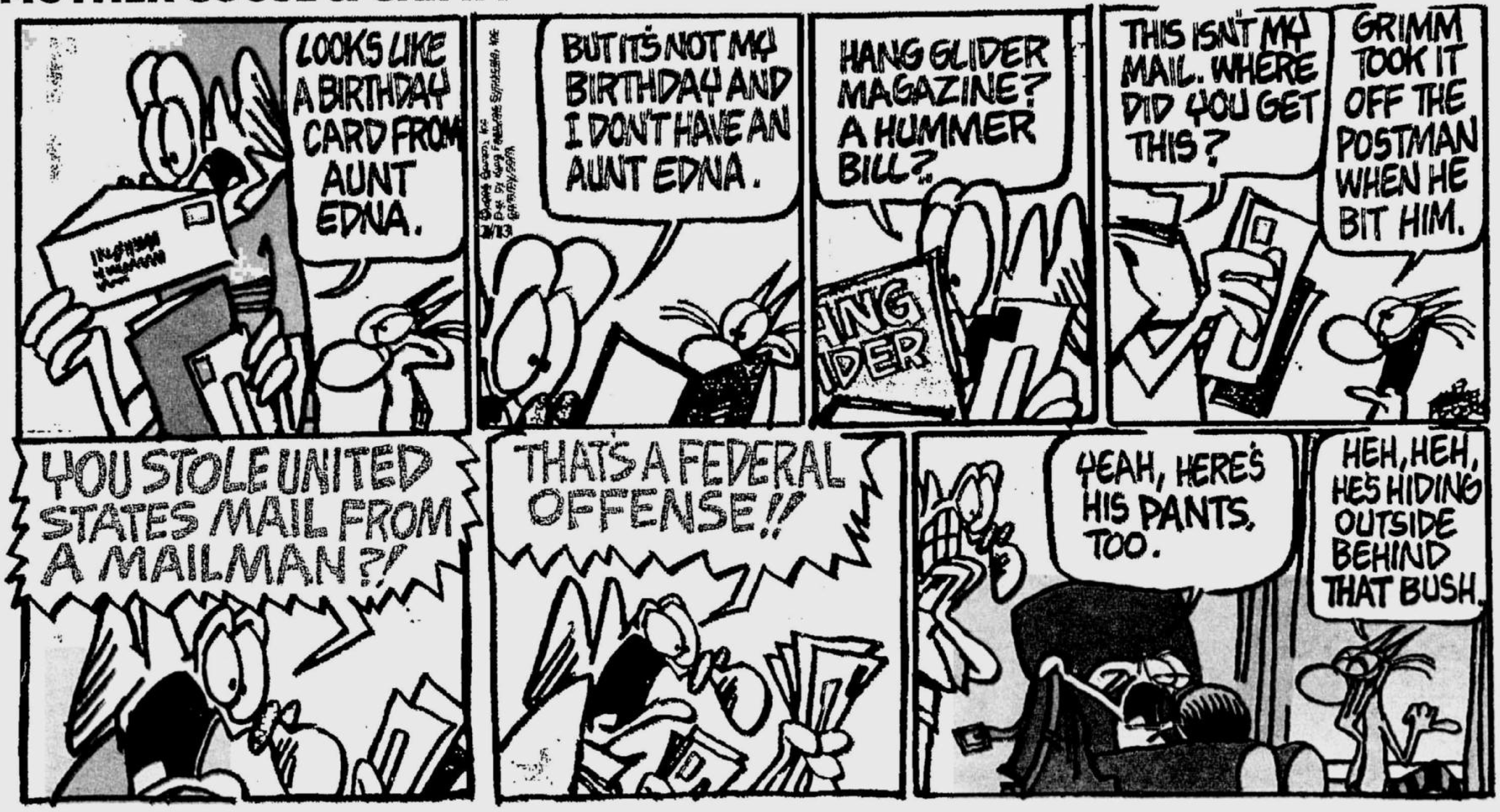
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HANG GLIDER
THIS ISN'T MY MAIL. WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
GRIMM TOOK IT OFF THE POSTMAN WHEN HE BIT HIM.
YOU STOLE UNITED STATES MAIL FROM A MAILMAN?!
THAT'S A FEDERAL OFFENSE!!
YEAH, HERE'S HIS PANTS, TOO.
HEH, HEH, HE'S HIDING OUTSIDE BEHIND THAT BUSH.

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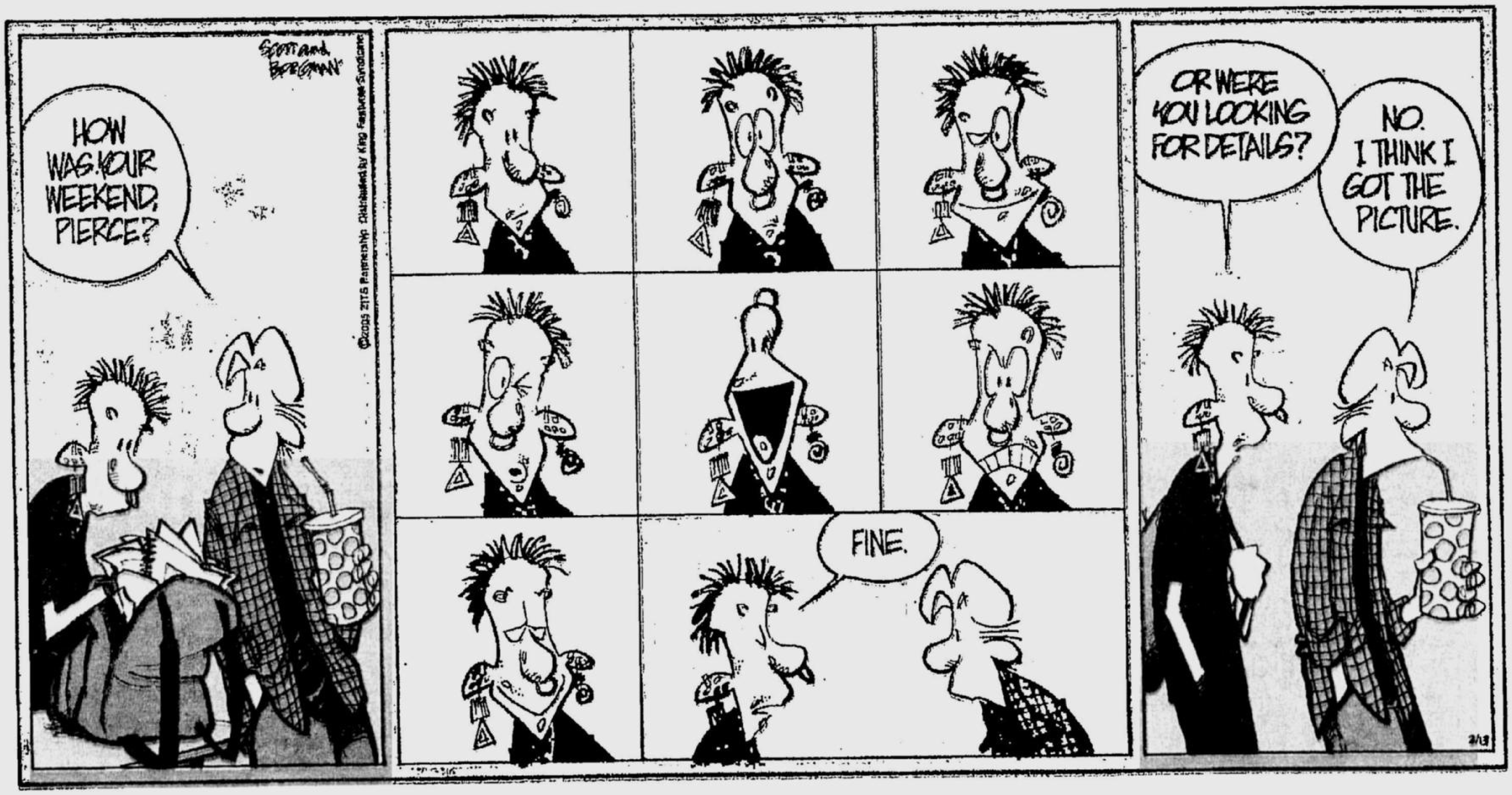
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OR WERE YOU LOOKING FOR DETAILS?
NO. I THINK I GOT THE PICTURE.
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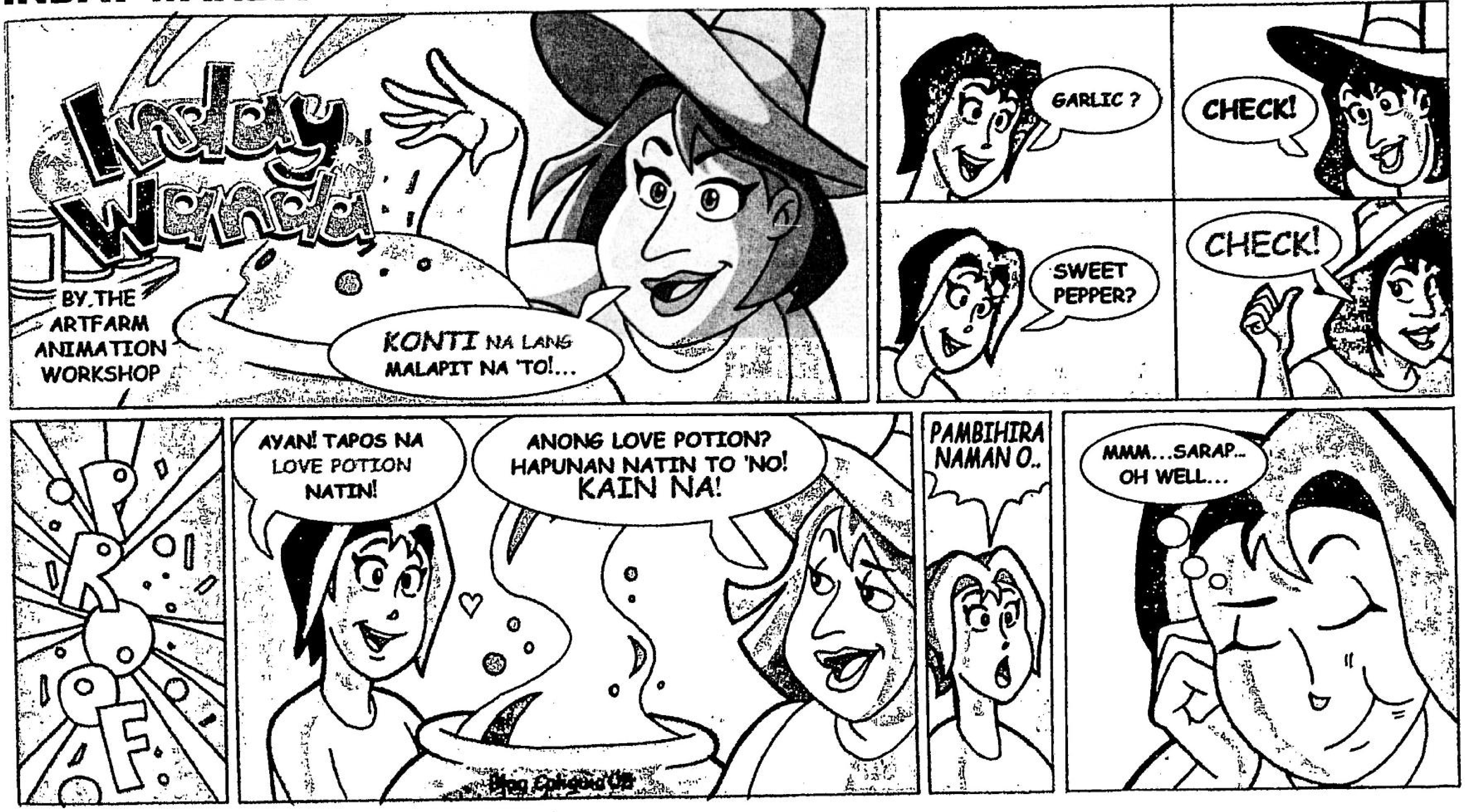
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DARNA

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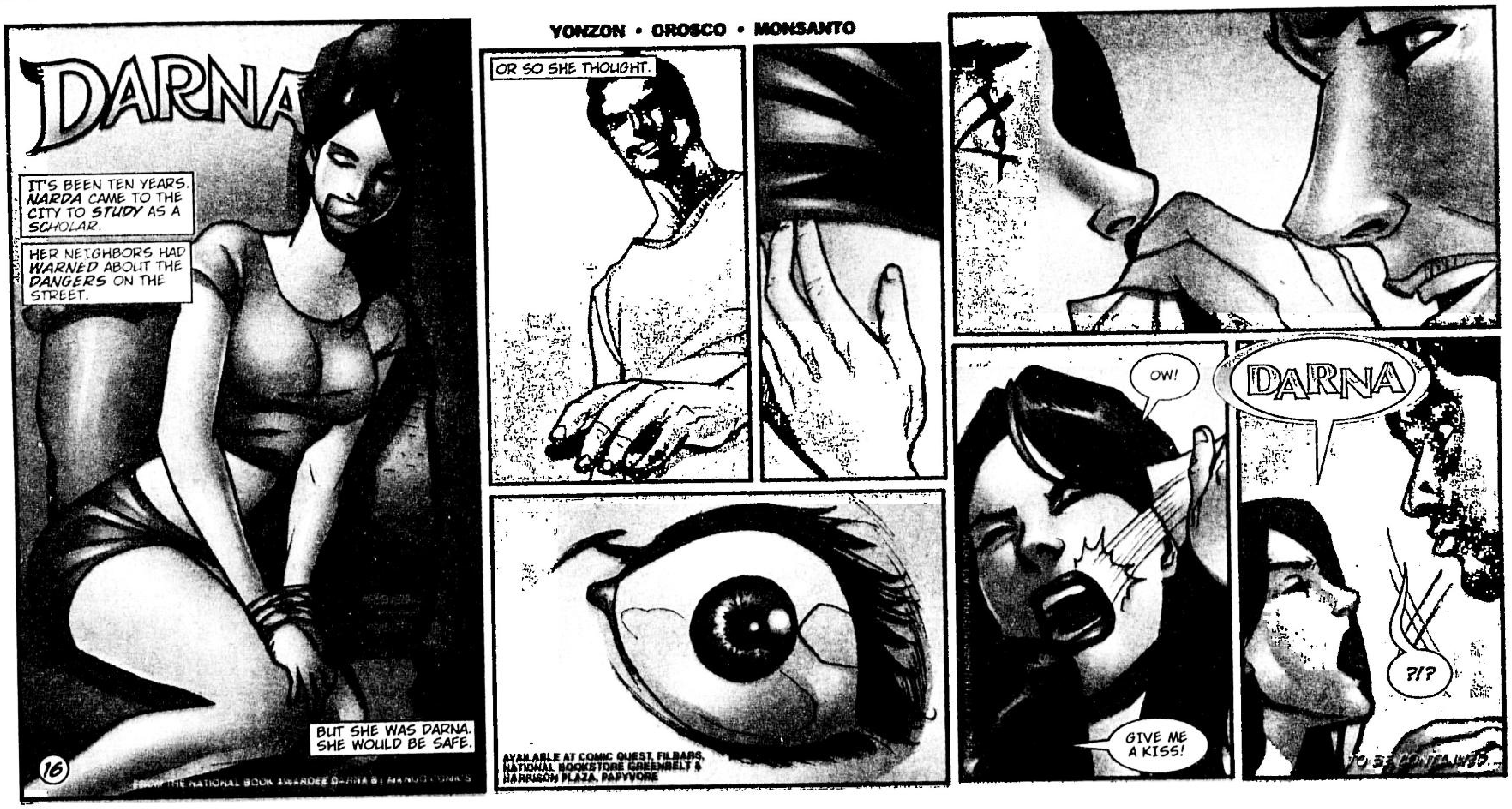
DARNA
IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS. NARDA CAME TO THE CITY TO STUDY AS A SCHOLAR.
HER NEIGHBORS HAD WARNED ABOUT THE DANGERS ON THE STREET.
BUT SHE WAS DARNA. SHE WOULD BE SAFE.
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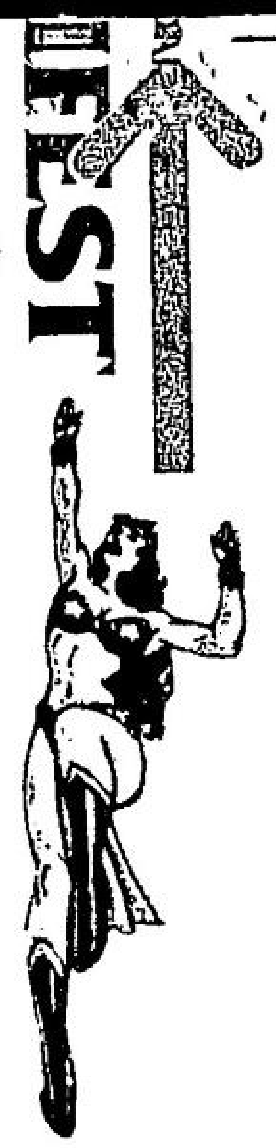

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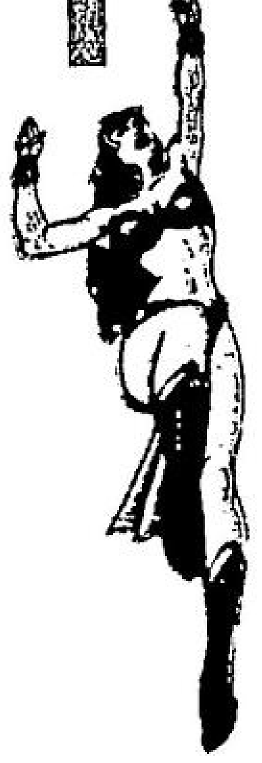

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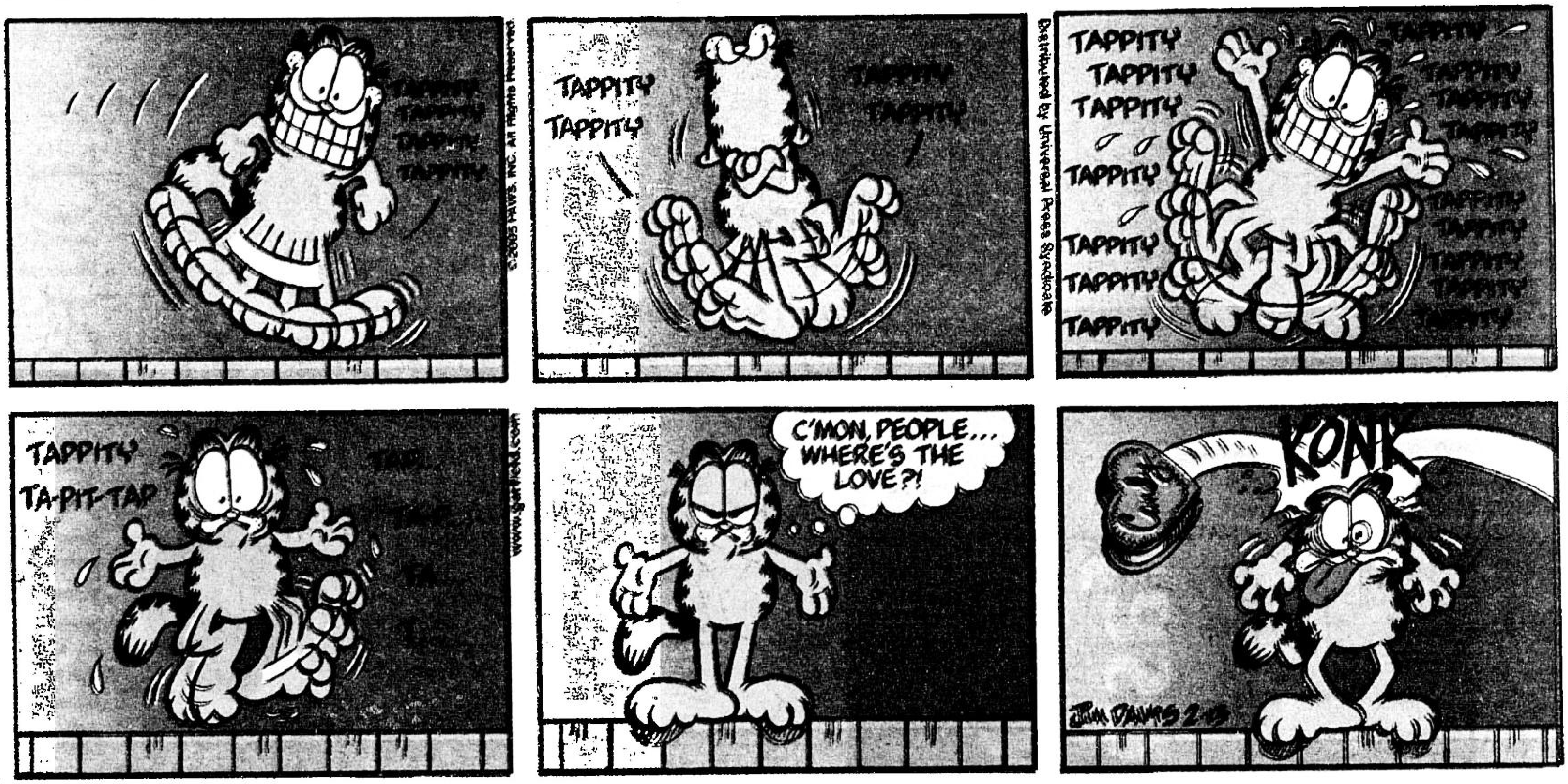
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C'MON, PEOPLE... WHERE'S THE LOVE?!
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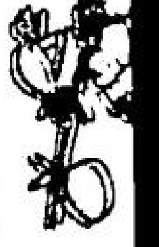

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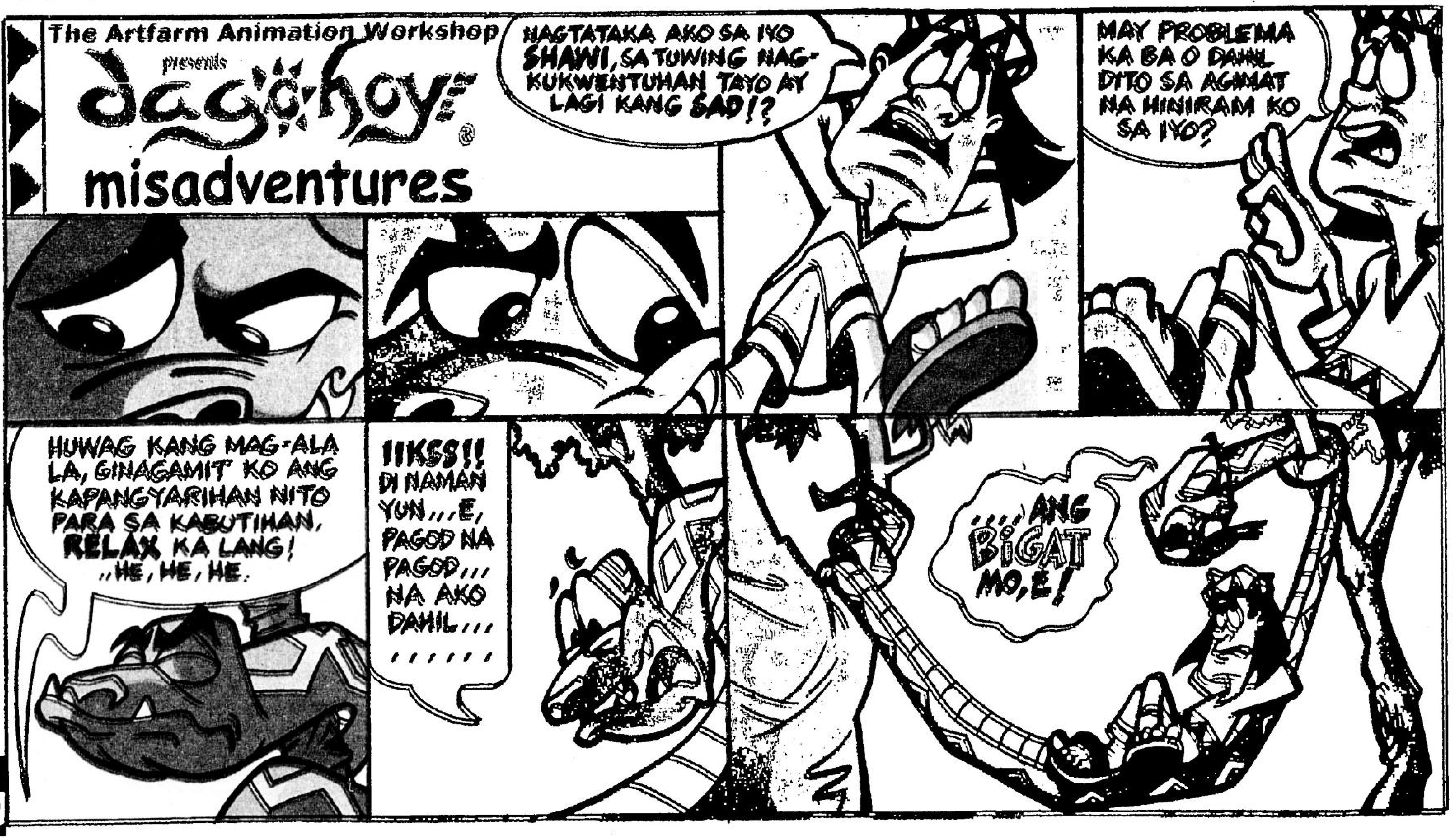
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NAGTATAKA AKO SA IYO SHAWI, SA TUWING NAG-KUKWENTUHAN TAYO AY LAGI KANG SAD!?
MAY PROBLEMA KA BA O DAHIL DITO SA AGIMAT NA HINIRAM KO SA IYO?
HUWAG KANG MAG-ALALA, GINAGAMIT KO ANG KAPANGYARIHAN NITO PARA SA KABUTIHAN, RELAX KA LANG! ..HE, HE, HE.
IIKSS!! DI NAMAN YUN,,,E, PAGOD NA PAGOD,,, NA AKO DAHIL,,, ,,,,,,,
,,,,ANG BIGAT MO,E!

B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDCARD

The Manobo ascension to heaven

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

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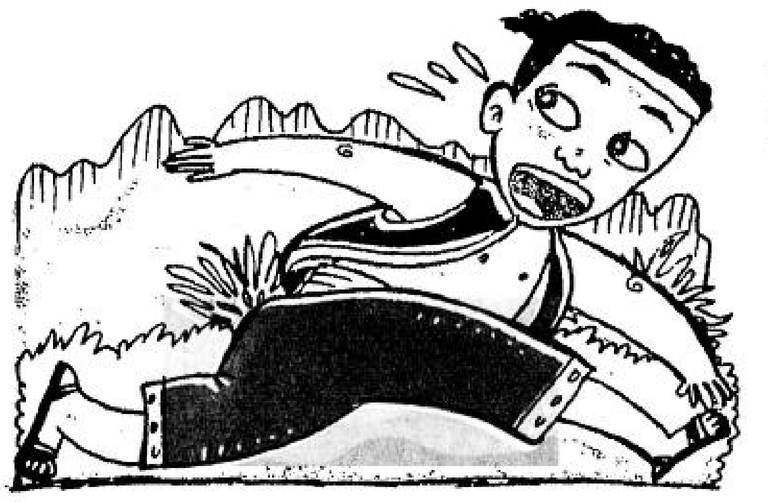

'Do you eat people?' asked Mungan with a weak voice that could hardly be heard. 'If you do, please come and eat me'

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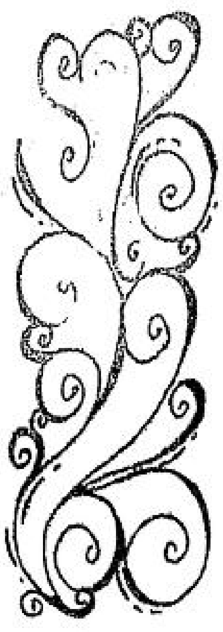
III. MUNGAN

The third brother, Banlak had difficulty running for he had to carry his wife Mungan on his back. Mungan was suffering from a disease that was rotting the flesh of her arms and legs (leprosy?), so that she had to assume a crouching position all the time. Her legs and her right arm had become permanently attached to her body.

Banlak became weary of the living burden always on his back. He told Mungan that they should separate. Pemulew and his brothers did not agree with Banlak's decision and volunteered to help him. "No matter how hard things are you should never leave your wife," Pemulew said. Agyu wanted him to think about it for a day but Banlak disappeared. Agyu and Lemena henceforth took turns carrying their sister-in-law.



In Kituved, Mungan insisted on being left behind in one of the clearings so as not to burden their flight. The brothers did not like the idea. It is inhuman, they said, for the pursuing Magindanaos would surely find her. They said they did not mind at all carrying her but Mungan was determined and they could not argue with her. "I trust in the Great Diwata," she said.

Agyu and Lemena built a small hut for her out of tree branches. They did it quickly for fear of the pursuers. Agyu made her a drum by hollowing out a piece of *bayug* wood which was known for its resonance. Mungan was instructed to play the drum day and night to while away the hours. That way they would know that she was all right.

Upon Mungan's request Lemena provided her some *sinamay* cloth. Lemena also cooked some *kamote* and fetched water for Mungan. With a piece of rattan he tied the stick for beating the log to her wrists for only the stumps of her fingers had not been eaten by the disease. "Tell our companions that no one must worry about me," said Mungan. "Just forget I exist. Concentrate on gathering food or everyone will starve."

When he was some distance away Lemena decided to go back for he pitied Mungan. "Why did you come back?" she asked.

"If it's all right with you I will spend the night with you and catch up with them tomorrow," Lemena told her.

"Go back even if it's already dark," Mungan answered. "It is not good for you to sleep here, just the two of us." Lemena walked way slowly, with a heavy heart. He worried about the difficulty Mungan would have preparing her own food. He felt it was even more difficult to have Mungan separated from them.

When Lemena joined his people the women asked about Mungan. It took Pemulew two days before he could even ask Lemena about her for he too was anxious at what might befall Mungan. "Mungan has one mind, we have another," said Lemena. "She is there of her own accord, we did not drive her way. She was all right when I left and she says it is best for us to forget her."

Pemulew suggested that things would be easier if they spoke no more of Mungan. "Let us look for food," he said, "The children have nothing left to eat. Each person should go out separately to look."

Agyu and his people found a site for their dwelling. They cleared the underbrush and went to gather materials for their huts. To their surprise the timber and the bamboo and the grass transported themselves to the location and it took them a short time to finish building their huts. The happening was beyond their comprehension. Their leader Agyu counseled them to remain humble and silent no matter what supernatural things they experienced.

The first house to be finished was Agyu's because he was their leader. Then the house of Lemena and Pumelew. The houses of the rest of the people were built around the three, close to each other, forming a settlement. Then they made a *kaingin* for their crops and Lemena and Agyu took turns in delivering food to Mungan.

One day Pemulew decided to look at their pig trap in the forest. Everybody was happy for they had caught 10 pigs, especially Banlak, who had rejoined them and seemed to care for the trap more than for his wife. They built a fire and cleaned the pigs when they reached home. The women and children and Agyu's sisters, Tabagka and the pretty Yambugan, did the cooking.

Later on Agyu and Lemena searched for honey. The trees were in full bloom and they expected plenty of honey bees but no beehives could be located. The sisters, Yambugan and Tabagka, were swinging langorously on vines back and forth over the ground when Yambungan was stung on the ankle by a green bee. They discovered its home in the dead hollow of the trunk of a tree. She called to Banlak who was extracting starch to come. He tore open the trunk and found four honeycombs and a few young bees.

Since there was venison and honey Lemena was elected to take Mungan her share. "I often wonder how she is," Lemena said. Banlak cast his eyes down guiltily. Agyu cut one leg of the deer that was nicely roasted and wrapped it in leaves together with some starch and a tube of honey. "Go before it gets dark," he told Lemena.

After walking some distance, Lemena could hear the reassuring beating of the log which sounded like a *pukpuk* bird. But he saw that the Magindanaos had uprooted the *kamotes* and cut the banana trees all along the trail leading to Mungan's hut. The huts that they had abandoned had been burned.

When Lemena reached Mungan's house he noticed that she had become thin. She had not eaten the food nor touched the water of the week before. "I am not hungry," she said. "Maybe it is better that I die."

"I beg you, do not think of dying," said Lemena. "It is only Banlak who does not care. Pemulew, Agyu and I care for you. Look, I have brought you roast meat and palm flour and honey."

"Put them down," Mungan said. "But I don't think I will be needing any more provisions. She thanked Lemena for his kindness. "Tell them not to worry about me. I will continue beating the drum as I cannot stop myself."

One afternoon a child from the clouds floated above an eave of Mungan's house. He asked the half-conscious Mungan, "Are you the one who beats the wooden drum so ceaselessly? The bothersome sound keeps me from going to sleep.

"Do you eat people?" asked Mungan with a weak voice that could hardly be heard. "If you do, please come and eat me." The child who was the *diwata* of vegetation, descended. He walked around the suffering woman hunched on the floor. "I am beating the gong so that the Magindanaos will hear it and come and kill me. My life has been too difficult since my husband deserted me."

"I shall tell the Highest Diwata about you," said the child.

Directly the child *diwata* went to the seventh layer of heaven, the place of the Great Diwata who was so powerful that the other *diwatas* were afraid to go near him. The lesser *diwatas* were surprised to see the child walk straight to the Great One on the elevated seat surrounded by empty golden chairs.

"Why are you in such a hurry?" the great Diwata laughed.

"I have an important thing to ask you," said the child.

"Speak," said the Highest Diwata.

"What shall I do with the person who will not stop beating that drum? She is dying. Her eyes are deep set. She does not have fingers anymore and she can barely talk."

"What do you think?" said the great Diwata. "You are the god responsible for the needs of these people. If you think she should be shown mercy that can be done."

"I don't have the power," answered the child, "since I myself was created by you. She is a good woman."

"Go help her," the Great Diwata said. "Take this small bottle of oil which will remove her earthly smell and also this betelnut chew so that she will not die."

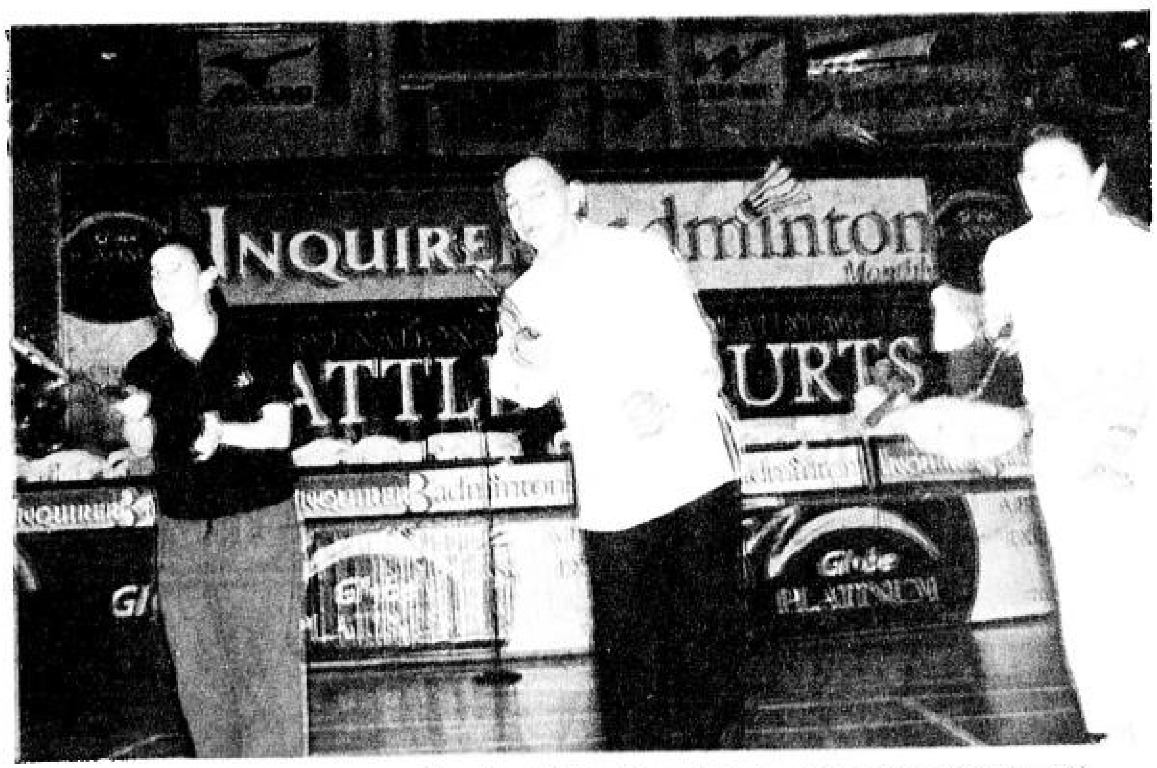
The child accepted the chew and the bottle which was as thin as a blade of grass.

When the child *diwata* returned to Kituved he found the sick woman lying flat on the floor. He was surprised because the wooden drum was still sounding, louder and still louder, going around the world.

"What happened?" asked the child *diwata*. "You are now sleeping without waking yet the drum keeps sounding and it can be heard clear to the highest layer of heaven. Now that I am here it is good for you to sit up."

(To be continued next Sunday)

Philippine Badminton Association vice president Edgar Aglipay leads the finalists in an invocation.



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The grand finals of the Crissa Teen Synergy Dance Competition was also held here. High-school, college and university students from all over Metro Manila participated in the competition.

Colegio de Sta. Rosa took home the grand prize of P100,000 while the P50,000 first runner-up prize went to St. Mark's Institute. Second runner-up with P25,000 was Fort Bonifacio High School.

Then, Market! Market!'s Activity Center was transformed into a badminton court to host the grand finals of the Inquirer Badminton's Battle of the Courts National Inter-Club Cup.

Gerflor Taraflex laid out two IBF-standard mats to be used by the 12 finalists competing for the National Champion title. RSVP Film Studios set up top-of-the-line lights to complement the activity center's in-house and natural lighting to prep the venue for the scheduled matches.

The two-day event gathered badminton enthusiasts of all ages, including spectators who flew in all the way from Bacolod, Cebu, and Davao to cheer for their respective courts.

Market! Market! was also chosen as the venue to launch Equitable JCB's EasyPay Credit Card. The Central Plaza became an "E-Pay Village" complete with a Town Center (shops and partner establishments), Municipal Hall (card applications and display), Food Gallery (catering and cocktail set-up) and the Duplex (Stage and Launch Area).

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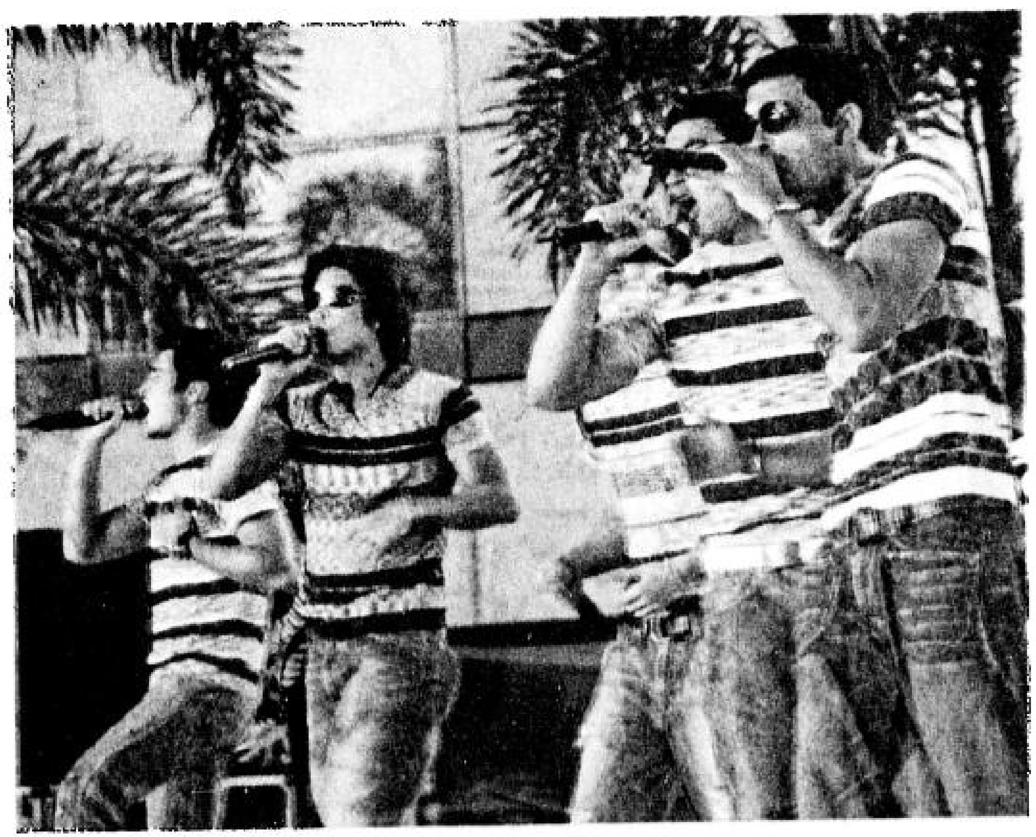

"ASAP Mania" event. The Hunks—Piolo Pascual, Diether Ocampo, Bernard Palanca, Carlos Agassi and Jericho Rosales

Jaro's Our Lady of Candelaria is still growing

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

THE SEEMING growth of the image of Our Lady of Candelaria in Jaro, Iloilo, accepted by her devotees, especially in the Visayas, as a natural phenomenon, reminds us that God is all powerful and makes all things possible.

The first time I saw the image in 1994, I could reach out to her while praying. The image was enthroned on an elevated pediment in the façade of the church. When I attended the fiesta last Feb. 2 through the kindness of Robert Lopez Puckett, I had to look up to see her.

Msgr. Amadeo Escañan, parish priest of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church where the Virgin is enshrined, told us that the *camaradera* Tita Jean said-she had difficulty dressing the Virgin. The crown made for the saint no longer fit because the head was bigger by several centimeters.

History

People have accepted as true the oral history of Our Lady of Candelaria of Jaro. It was said a 1-ft image of the Virgin was found by a fisherman in the Iloilo River. When he and other men tried to bring her to the church in La Paz district, she became too heavy to carry. But when she was brought to the church in Jaro, one man could carry her.

From the moment the Virgin was enshrined in the church, miracles began to happen.

In the past, people reported finding her niche empty then they would see a beautiful lady with long hair bathing her child in the artesian well in the plaza across the church.

Old Jaro folks say the pediment of the Virgin was covered in darkness for several days. When it was clear again, people saw that she had grown taller and is believed to be growing until now.

On her fiesta, people would wait patiently to go up to the balcony (built for the Pope's visit) and pray to ask for help or give thanks for favors granted. I went up to ask that my brother Pompeyo would be all right. X-ray showed he had water in his lungs. He was confined at the Lung Center and his doctor, Fernando Ayuyao, removed more than a liter of water, saving his life.

The people of Jaro and the rest of the Visayas love their Virgin very much. You could see and feel it as they patiently stand in a full-house church to hear Masses on Novena days and during the fiesta. We—from Manila and other places—share that love, too.

German-born Martin Stummer who, with his Filipina wife Helen, opened the Bavaria Hotel on Old Seminario Street near the cathedral, has hung an antique bell in the balcony of their room facing the street. He rang the bell when I was there and it sounded like a fitting honor to the Virgin on her feast day.

Jaro queen

Every fiesta, the Jaro Agro-Industrial and Charity Fair crowns the Queen of Jaro. This year's queen was Rita Carla Fernandina Opolencia Peña, daughter of Rito "Judgee" Lopez Peña and Sarah Opolencia Peña. She wore a beautifully beaded gown by Patis Tesoro, who flew to Jaro with husband Tito Tesoro for the coronation.

Queen Rita is a graduating legal management honor student at the Ateneo de Manila University. Her tall, good-looking consort, Oscar Ruben Nava, is an industrial engineering graduate of the College of St. Benilde and a video editor of ABS-CBN Iloilo.

Rita's sister, Rica, was Jaro Fancy Ball queen. Preparing for the event was the Association of Barangay Captains in Jaro district headed by Julieta Diamante as president.

Prayer leaflets

The Rosary for Life Foundation founded by Betty Rosas Chua and her husband Basti in 2003 is giving away prayer leaflets with a painting by American artist Miss Tidwell of Our Lady holding an aborted child.

Coming from Fr. Cyril Thomas of 449 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport PRS 3BN, England, the leaflet has prayers for the unborn child. On the first Saturday of every month, Fr. Thomas offers Mass for victims of abortion, human life and pro-life workers.

To get a leaflet, call Michelle at 4003447 or write to Rosary for Life at 996 P. Ocampo St., Malate, Manila.

St. Joseph's fiesta

Devotees of St. Joseph who go to the Hospicio de San Jose every year for the nine-day novena Masses will help the nuns put up an exhibit of the saint's images March 10-19. Danny Trinidad Reyes has held a meeting to discuss details.

OUR Lady of Candelaria in Jaro, Iloilo, is known to be growing taller.

Those wishing to join the exhibit can text Danny at 0920-9133836 or Ben at 0919-3422887 or call Grace at 5253565. Registration is on March 8-10, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Bahay Malay gallery

Liza Barretto of Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, says the first and only gallery in the city opened Dec. 26 with the blessing of Bishop Honesto Pacana, chair of the Episcopal Commission on Culture.

Located at the corner of Villanueva and Alberto Streets in Barangay Uno, the opening was the best post-Christmas event ever. Liza's daughter, Deeda, a soprano, gave a mini concert. Vic Barretto, Liza's husband who makes the most beautiful furniture, owns and runs the gallery.

Balay Malay's (House of Consciousness) motto is: "Art begets awareness, awareness begets sensitivity, sensitivity begets compassion, compassion begets love, love begets justice, justice begets peace, peace begets art."

You can write to Liza through the gallery.

Novena

The present novena to San Ildefonso in Tagalog was rehashed from an old novena by F. Cenon Bernabe and Fr. Gerardo Maximo. With design and layout by Raymond Gallego, the Hermandad de San Ildefonso headed by Dr. Gil Villacorte had it printed. Nihil Obstat is by Fr. Pablo Legaspi and imprimatur by Bishop Jose Oliveros.

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LINDA Patag, mother of Cynthia Patag, with Prince Consort Oscar Ruben Nava and Queen Rita Peña of the Candelaria fiesta

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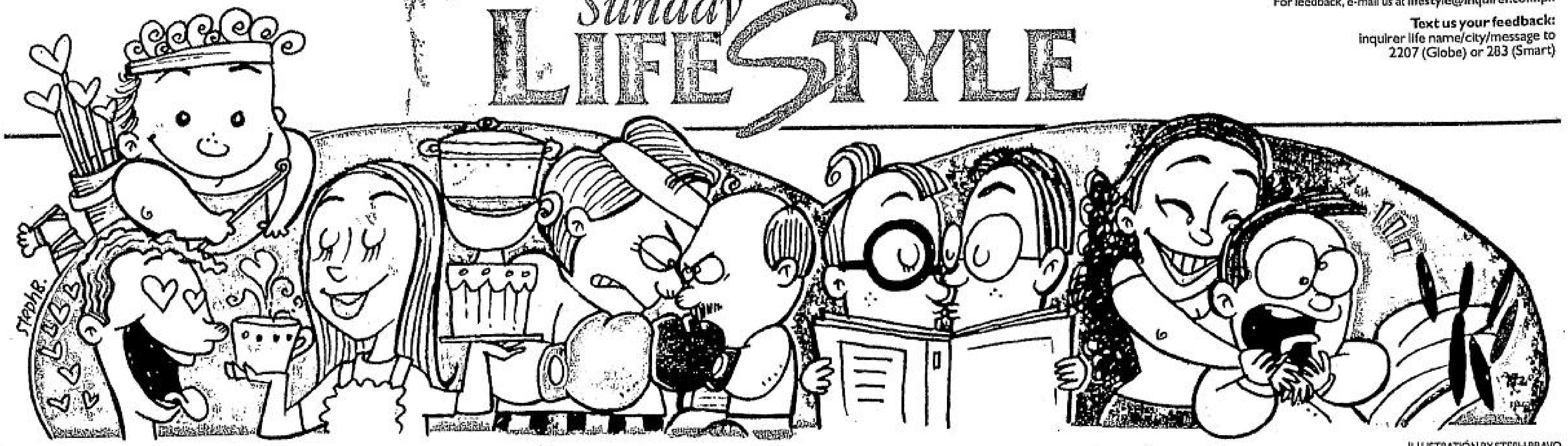

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Earth, wind, fire and love

By Cheche V. Moral

ASK any astrologer and chances are s/he will say most people seek advice on, above all, relationships. Money, believe it or not, is only a secondary concern.

People are obsessed about finding a partner, says astrologer Zenaida Seva. If a lover leaves them, they want to know if s/he will come back; if not, will they meet someone new.

For Valentine's Day, we sought Seva to discuss the astrological aspect of relationships—attraction, compatibility, love, marriage—starting with the premise that these are general and simplified evaluations, that individuals have complex horoscopes, which may, at times, deviate from universal rules.

In astrology, says Seva, people born of the same element generally get attracted to each other "because they understand each other's deeper concerns." They are ideally also the most compatible.

Aries, Sagittarius and Leo are the Fire signs. They are passionate and ardent and want to be swept off their feet. Fires are quick to fall in love.

Earth signs are Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn. They are very "physical" and practical. They express themselves with things that are tangible. They like to give gifts and likewise like to receive them.

Air signs like Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are intellectuals. Their approach to relationships is mental. They communicate. They do a lot of talking and flirting "*pero* after all that *wala namang nangyayari*."

Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces—the Water signs—are emotional.

"Imagine if you put a Fire and a Water together," she cites. "The Water may douse the Fire person's ardor. And Fire causes Water to evaporate."

In the laws of attraction, each person has a unique and specific frequency that s/he transmits, according to Seva. The other person has a receptor or antenna that receives this energy. If these frequencies merge, "Instant attraction! There's that state of high elation. Only you see the other person that way. The way you see another person is so personal. *Kaya sinasabi nila minsan, 'Ano kayang nakita niya doon?'* "

Seva explains that human beings are in search of their "other." "If the man is the solar energy, the woman is the lunar. You search for a balance."

She says that "other" is also your "shadow," the unrecognized, unrealized part of you that would make you whole. That so-called "shadow" is often the qualities you detest most in other people and, unconsciously, you project this in your partner.

A person falls for different kinds of people because "you see different parts of them. You can't have only one person fulfill all" your requirements. "I'm not saying it's not possible. But it's very rare," she adds.

Categorically determining who is the most ideal partner for a particular person is very tricky, according to Seva. "It depends on your requirements," she stresses.

"People say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," Seva says. "Try saying that to a Sagittarian. To this people domesticity is unthinkable. If you so much suggest buying a house or cooking a meal they're out of there. It's like a trap. *Siguro* if the man is a Cancer he'll marry you right off."

Seva suggests looking into the general characteristics of each astrological sign.

Aries, she says, are very aggressive. They don't like long courtships and won't take it against you if you say yes right away. Taureans like gifts. They're not materialistic but they want things that are tangible. You can write them love letters all you want but if you don't give them something solid, it wouldn't matter.

Geminis are communicators, while Cancerians are very nice. They take you out and even introduce you to their mother. Cancerians are also the most loyal.

Virgos will serve you and do things for you. Librans are generally good-looking. They know all the gestures of courtship—chocolates, candlelight dinners.

Scorpios are very passionate, and that passion can be overwhelming to some. They want to be in control.

Sagittarians, meanwhile, are said to be the worst partners for permanent relationships.

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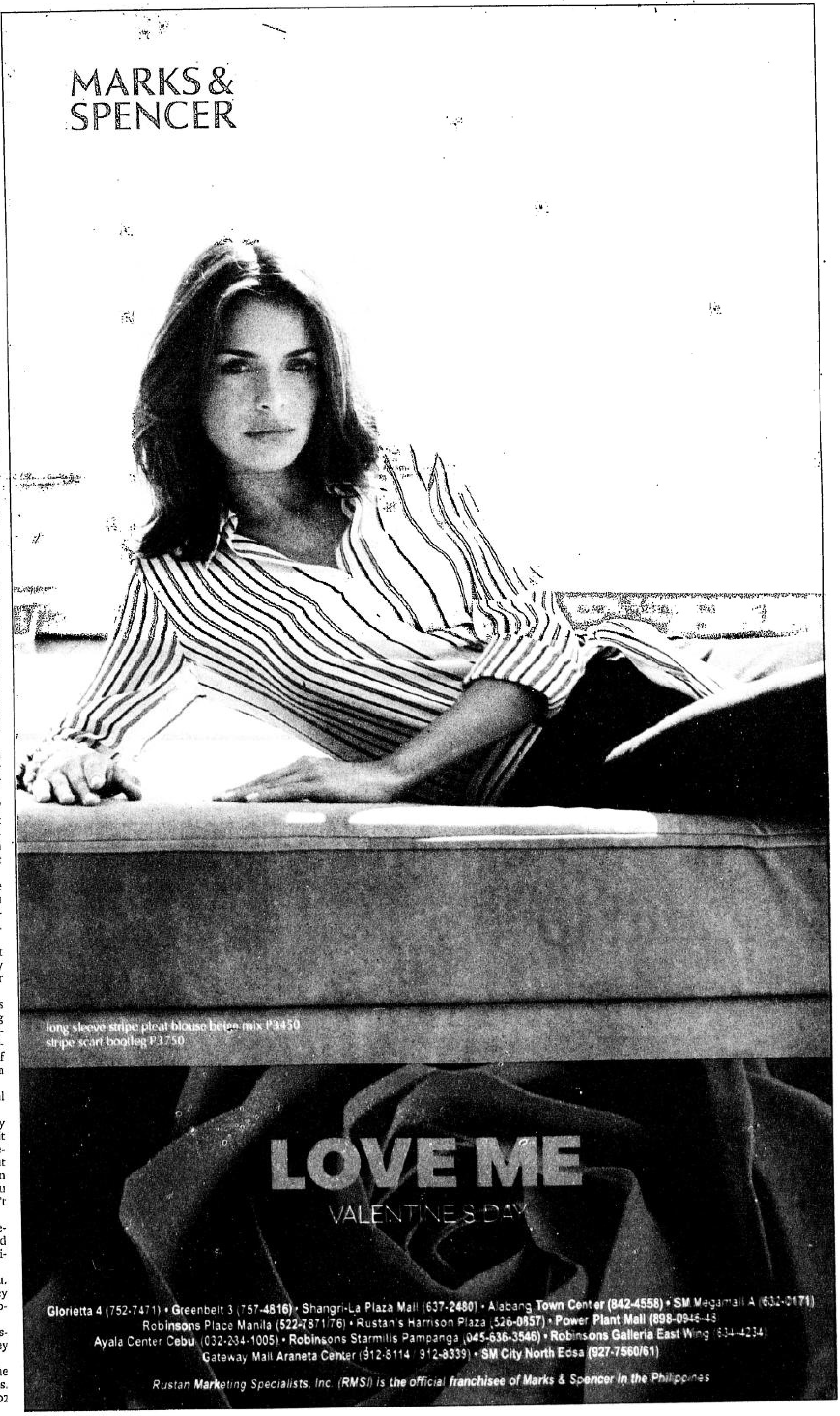

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Idyll in the time of innocence

By Doris Trinidad
Contributor

HE was the son of an artist who was not so well known as his internationally famous brother, but just as talented, according to many who knew them both. He, the son, had wavy brown hair with glints of bronze where the sun touched it.

He was 16, tall and frail, with a slow, shy smile. She was about the same age as he, just starting to fill out her blouse, and looked healthy enough, you'd hardly believe she suffered from a heart ailment, a serious condition that was exacerbated by stress or excess of emotion.

There was a war going on. Life was a kind of suspended reality. You couldn't take anything seriously, or with finality, especially the sacksful of thin paper money kept in the cupboards of so-called collaborators who profited from the war by helping the Japanese conquerors. Others, we included, sold or bartered our possessions to buy a *ganta* of rice, a bag of dried cassava flakes or scoops of red beans. As our possessions ran out we reduced the number of meals we had in a day.

He lived in a house at the edge of a rice field. This was suburban Manila in the 1940s, where stretches of open land were checkered with rice paddies. Her home was toward the end of a path, an *esquinita* we called it, an almost-road of packed earth that turned muddy in the monsoon season.

Oh, why not give them names? He was Pablo; she was Carmen, and they were sweethearts. That was how people were called in those days when it was understood they loved each other. He visited her once, twice daily and they sat on straight-backed chairs on the porch, talking and laughing and touching fingers when there was opportunity.

Daily vigil

Every morning quite early Pablo walked the length of the mud road which ended where Carmen's house was to buy *pan de sal* from the Chinese-owned store across. I saw him pass daily from a rear window of our house. It came to a point where I actually waited for him to pass by. As daily he did his errand, daily I waited, none the wiser about my vigil, least of all the tall, frail boy as he loped by, forth and back, latterly with a paper bag of hot bread for his family's breakfast table.

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I was so young. Romance was the gourmet fare of my unfolding soul. How I envied Carmen the steadfast, total devotion Pablo gave her. Daily I watched the young man pass by and coveted his love for her, wished someone like him would come and lay a similar devotion at my feet. Wished he would love me, instead.

Just before the war ended I heard that Pablo was afflicted with tuberculosis, a disease regarded incurable at that time.

The Americans came to liberate us from the Japanese. My mother was jubilant beyond words. She went out and bought new clothes for my sister and me—identical coral-red jumpers with ruffled and embroidered trimming.

One night we heard gunshots from the vicinity of the rice fields. In the morning neighbors said Pablo's father had been executed by guerrillas in front of their house. He was accused of having collaborated with the Japanese.

Schools reopened. Life went on. My mother did not need to sell her clothes and jewelry anymore. I never found out the ending to Carmen's and Pablo's story; if they got well eventually; if they married and had children; or if they succumbed to their illnesses.

I never knew for sure whether I should be sad thinking of them, or consider them the blessed ones, having experienced, even in a life cut short, young love, resplendent and innocent.

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6. "I Finally Found Someone" by Barbra Streisand & Bryan Adams
7. "Can We Just Stop and Talk Awhile" by Gary Valenciano & Kyla
8. "Endless Love" by Diana Ross & Lionel Ritchie
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Earth, wind, fire and love

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They like their freedom and get tired of you very easily. They like you better when they can't get you. There's something in their makeup that makes them think someone better will come along. They usually marry several times. Geminis are also just as challenging to pin down because they usually don't know what they want, according to Seva.

Sagittarians are lots of fun to be with, however. They're willing to try everything at once.

Capricorns are very serious. They take a long time to decide if they like you. Leos are romantic and generous. What you see is what you get. They're fun-loving and responsible. Pisceans search for a romantic love "that transcends this world." If they find it in you, they'll worship you. Taureans are more careful and slow, but they're there to stay permanently. They are said to be the most faithful.

Aquarians make no emotional demands. They're the ones who marry their best friends. Seva notes the irony of Valentine's falling at an Aquarian period. "It is the sign that wants the most liberal kind of relationship. It has no commitment or boundaries. It is the polar opposite of the sign of romance, which is Leo." She hastens to add, "But you see, Aquarius is a selfless love. It is friendship that makes no demands. It's not 'I love you so you love me back.' "

Love affairs and marriage are two different aspects of astrology, according to Seva. The best lovers may not make the best husbands. This is often why marriages fail, she says.

"Romance and passion have something to do with mystery, uncertainty, which is what happens with love affairs. You want a husband that's reliable, loyal, good, which is often boring."

Because people are so in love they get married. "And because society dictates that we get married... Then it's not fun anymore because you have to pay taxes *pala*, send the kids to school, etc." Conventions kill romance. Love affairs in contrast "have mystery. The lack of certainty adds to the excitement. Then you say to your partner, *nagbago ka na*. But it's your perception that has changed. Why ruin a good thing by getting married?"

A marriage can work if the other is a "martyr," says Seva with a laugh.

Meanwhile, there are unfaithful partners because some people aren't meant to get married. "They're too fun-loving and are prone to sudden attractions," Seva says. She reluctantly adds that Fire signs are predisposed to disloyalty.

But not all marriages and relationships are doomed according to her. "If you're aware of the dynamics you will become more perceptive in relationships." Seva says. "Just go with the flow," she advises.

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How to write a good love letter

Make your missive clear and easy to read

ONE of the most romantic ways to express your love is by writing a love letter. Bic offers some useful tips to help you write the perfect one.

- Find a quiet place to work. Writing a love letter requires your full attention. This means no multitasking. You cannot write a decent love letter and watch television or talk on the phone at the same time.
- Use a nice piece of stationery. Presentation is an important factor in your love letter. Make sure the colors are soft on the eyes (beige, yellow, mint green or powder blue would be good choices.) Add a personal touch by spraying it with some of your favorite perfume.
- Write it the old-fashioned way. When it comes to love letters, using your own handwriting is always best. It makes it more personalized and sincere. Make it clear and easy to read by using a black or blue Bic ballpen.
- Put a date on your letter. A love letter is something that is usually kept and cherished. It is meant to be read over and over again.
- Be honest. Writing a love letter is the perfect outlet for your feelings. Unlike verbal expression which can leave you at a loss for words, it gives you time to organize your thoughts and emotions.
- Avoid being too verbose. Using too many big and flowery words can water down the feelings you are trying to communicate to your loved one. A good love letter is romantic and, at the same time, easy to understand.
- Inject some humor into your letter. The perfect love letter should not only touch the heart but tickle the funny bone as well. Adding a little humor into your letter spices things up.
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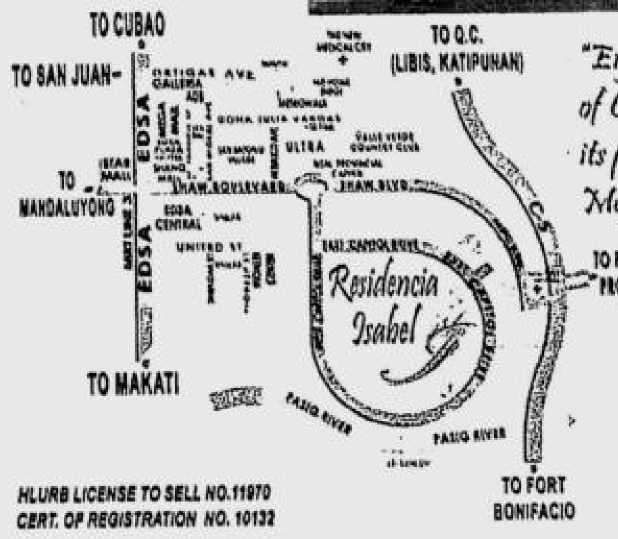

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Postmaster General Dario C. Rama says the special services was aimed to enhance public awareness about expressing love and affection through the mails.

Postmen will deliver items mailed in the morning of Feb. 13 (Sunday) and 14, and will be delivered the same day. Cut-off time for acceptance of deliveries within Metro Manila is 11 a.m., while delivery within the same area of posting is until 2 p.m.

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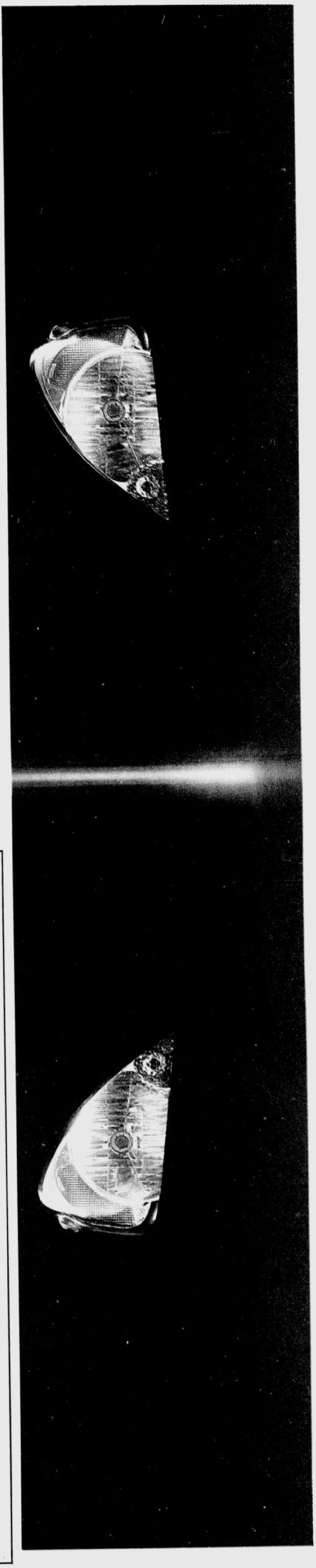

How do I HOOK thee?

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Let us count the ways

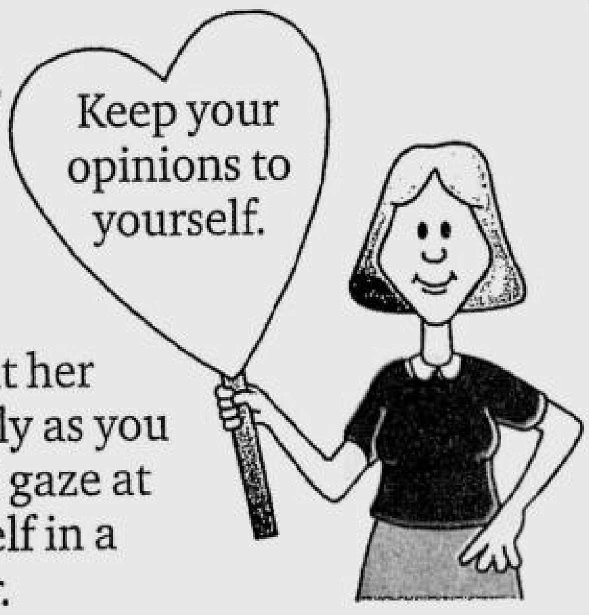
One compound word: Wonderbra.

Oysters, oysters, oysters.

Become a rock star.

Win the lottery.

Don't be yourself.



Keep your opinions to yourself.

Never use words that are more than three syllables when you're with him.

Look at her lovingly as you would gaze at yourself in a mirror.

Never say "Let's go home" when she's shopping even if you're letting her use your Gold Mastercard.

Pretend you don't want commitment.

Learn the basics of shiatsu but massage his ego more.

Nothing says "I love you" like two round-trip tickets to Greece. If that doesn't work, throw in Brad Pitt.

ILLUSTRATIONS: ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

A sense of humor is always charming. Subtle humor is seductive. Nothing X-rated please. Leave that to Ethel Booba. And no slapstick either. Leave that to Ai-Ai.

Woo her mom as well, but not to the point where mom starts to think you want her body.

One mystifying strip of fabric: thong

Give him a CD with an unending loop of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

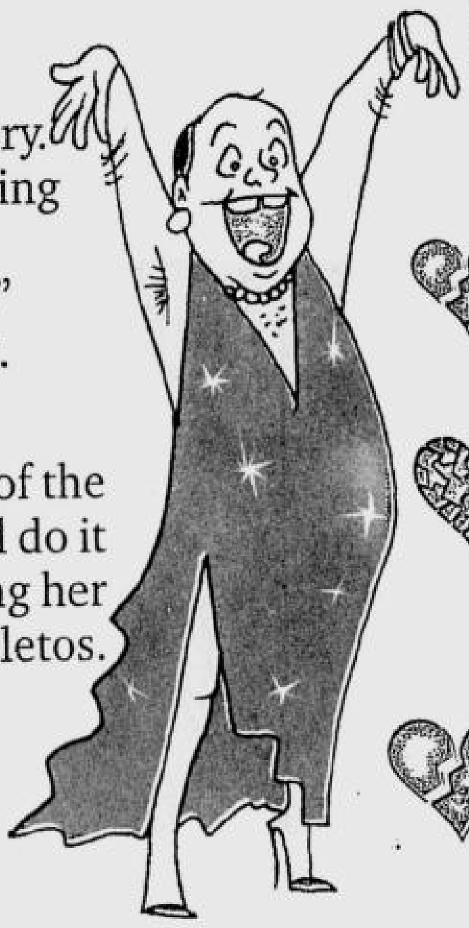
Start an annoying hobby like collecting human skulls, dead cats or witchcraft books.

Like a parole officer, catch him being bad.

Bake him a cake with his promises written on top—so he can literally eat his words.

Call her by your ex's name in the middle of making whoppee.

Put to a good use the only movie dialogue you have committed to memory. Shout "You are nothing but a second rate, trying-hard copycat" every time you fight.



Come out of the closet... and do it wearing her stilletos.

Right in front of him, flip a coin with your *yaya* to see who goes out with him

Sneeze on his inch-thick sirloin as you're serving and say, "Boy, I've always wanted to do that."

On a date, use a timer .

Sign him up with a book club.

Sign her up with a cooking club.

Tell him you're in love with someone else who is more oozing with sex appeal, more intelligent, more understanding... and it's his dad.

Fake an accident and pretend you have amnesia à la "A Very Long Engagement."

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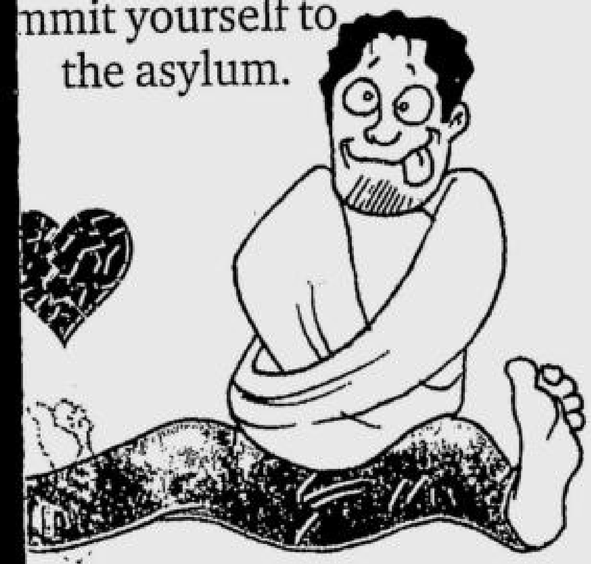

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Remove him from your Friendster account.

Expose your hidden sex video. Everyone seems to have one these days.

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can honeymoon in the
hamas," say "What's with this
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her to stop at the drugstore
get your prescription for
S filled.

Tell him you suddenly discovered you have a religious vocation.

Brag "Had her, and her, and her, too" when you're with her at your high school homecoming.

What they say

BEA ZOBEL JR.
Hook: I just have to be myself. If he doesn't appreciate me, I'll console myself by saying, "It's his loss, not mine."
Dump: Be a lady above everything. Don't lose your cool ever. Don't be nasty, bitchy or vicious!

CHAT ALEJANDRO
H: Cook him the best Indian dish with a lot of aphrodisiac and secret love potion. This way *walang kawala*. In love na, aroused *pa*!
D: Cook a terrible meal and bill him outrageously for it. While dining talk about tsunami, meningococcemia, Bin Laden, bird flu, unemployment, and marriage to you!

MARGARITA DELGADO
H: Keep yourself interesting and mysterious. No single person needs to know absolutely everything about you. Be yourself... not too contrived. A guy knows a fake when he sees one.
D: Always remember the golden rule. There is always a kind and respectful way to tell someone it's over.

ANONYMOUS
H: Tell him that you're the sole heir to a vast fortune that you're willing to share for the rest of your lives.
D: Tell him that you won't get your hands on the mullah until you turn 90.

NANCY REYES-LUMEN
H: Try the Hook-*Balahap* method. Kung *matanda na ang* guy (goes without saying *mayaman na siya*), say you're carrying his child and he'll feel so potent even if he's 80 years old. This kind of fish hooks himself via ego trip.
D: Follow this recipe: Eat santol and mangosteen. Top with onion slices and meringue. Then finish with durian. Wash down with gin. Your breath will ooze with the sex appeal of a raccoon in heat.

CELI DE GUZMAN
H: Whisper close to his ear, "If you want to reach seventh heaven, love me." Then bite the tip of his ear gently.
D: Tell him your days are numbered because you have AIDS.

ANJ UMBAC
H: Jog in skimpy shorts—with a puppy.
D: Tell him "our paths are meant to cross again; let's do it right in our next lifetime."

MARTIN NIEVERA
H: Mix of honesty and comedy and let fate do the rest. There are no accidents when it comes to love, only a chain of events that can make you soar above the clouds or crash and burn.
D: I'd rather have my wisdom tooth pulled. I am not good at the "breaking up" thing. Every relationship I've ever had that failed was them breaking up with me. I'd need experience to give a good answer. Maybe don't brush for a week? Throw your deodorant away? Maybe replace your cologne with *patis*? I don't know.

JM RODRIGUEZ
H: Smile and look at the person straight in the eye and wink twice. More than two winks, the person might think you have a twitch.
D. Behave like an a-h- and let her dump you. My mom says a guy should never be the one to break up with the girl unless you catch her two-timing you.

BRYAN SAN MIGUEL
H: It's all in the timing. Meticulous research and planning so that when the time presents itself you say and do the right thing at the right moment. (Note: This doesn't work.)
D: Just make it seem like she's dumping you instead of the other way around. Takes lots of planning but is worth it in spared heartache.

FRANNIE JACINTO
H: Sshow interest in what he enjoys doing and be a joy to be with.
D: Be a drag and be negative in everything. Unless he's a masochist, he will get the message.

LIZETTE COJUANGCO
H: Know what his favorites are, if it's food, sports or good conversation.
D: Don't answer his phone calls and call it quits.

KAT MANALO
H: Casually grab his wrist first when you're both catching the elevator or rushing to a movie. Make it fun and exciting. You want to give him the lead, not the wrong impression.
D: Just stop communicating. Talking about what went wrong won't work anyway.

RINA PEREZ
H: Dance like it's your last on the dance floor.
D: Send him a poison letter or e-mail.

RAYMOND VILLANUEVA
H: Get him drunk.
D: Ask him "What's your name?" the next day.

FLORABELLE CO
H: Be sexy inside out.
D: Go on a date with the guy he is most jealous of!

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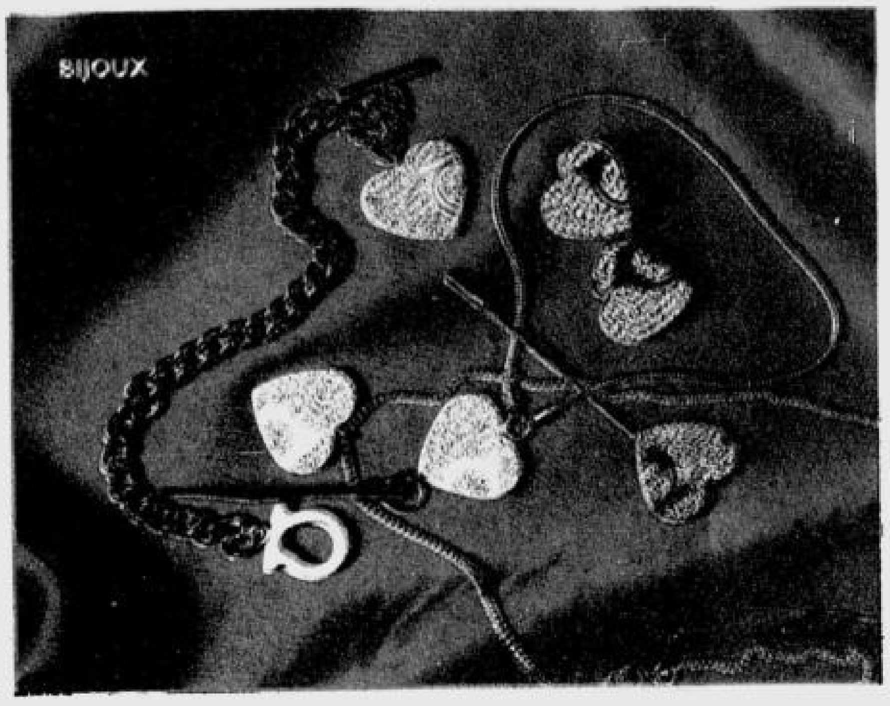

If words are not enough

SALVATORE Ferragamo has an impressive collection of gifts to say how much you care this Valentine's Day if words are not enough.

On Feb. 14, a day for celebrating love, don't forget the people most important to you. Give them a little gift with a heartfelt message .

For Valentine, Salvatore Ferragamo has put the heart in its collection that includes sophisticated silk ties and foulards, T-shirt and metal bracelet.

TRAFITTO tie

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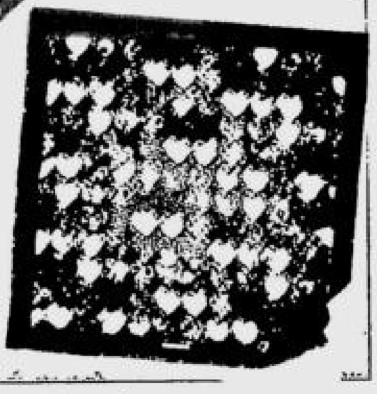
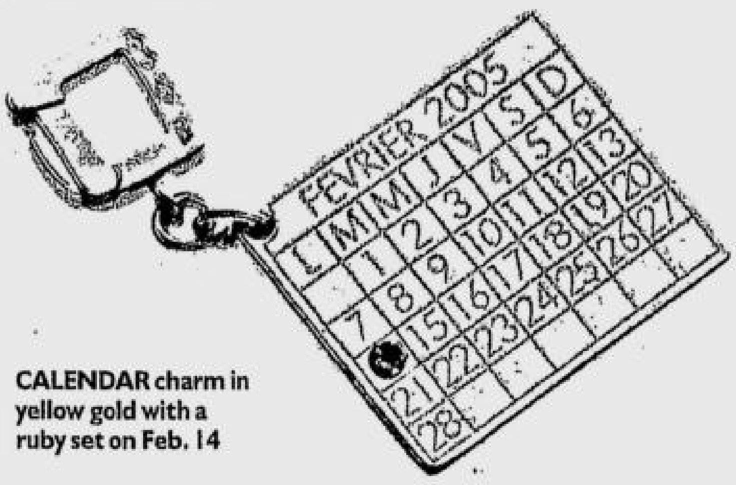
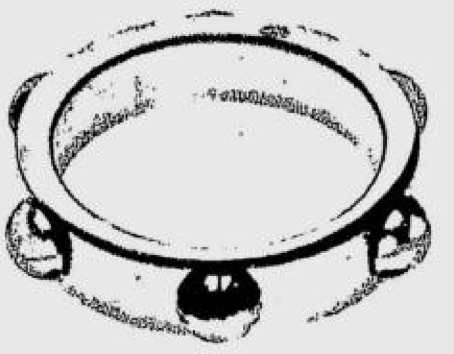
Ferragamo
LOVE scarf


CUORE scarf



CALENDAR charm in yellow gold with a ruby set on Feb. 14


SMALL Claus ring in pink gold

Love and luxury

LOUIS Vuitton, the world's leading luxury brand, offers gift ideas to make Valentine's Day truly unforgettable for your loved ones.

The Clous jewelry collection highlights one of the House's main symbols: studs, which make their mark in both leather goods and trunks.

Transformed into elegant jewelry, they reflect the LV spirit as well: they come with an engraved Louis Vuitton insignia, can be set in diamonds and engraved, or set on rings, bracelets or earrings.

The Clous collection now comes in pink gold—sure to warm a loved one's heart.

You can also charm your way into a woman's heart with a new special Louis Vuitton Calendar Charm. This elegant piece features the month of February in yellow gold, with a ruby set on the 14th day.

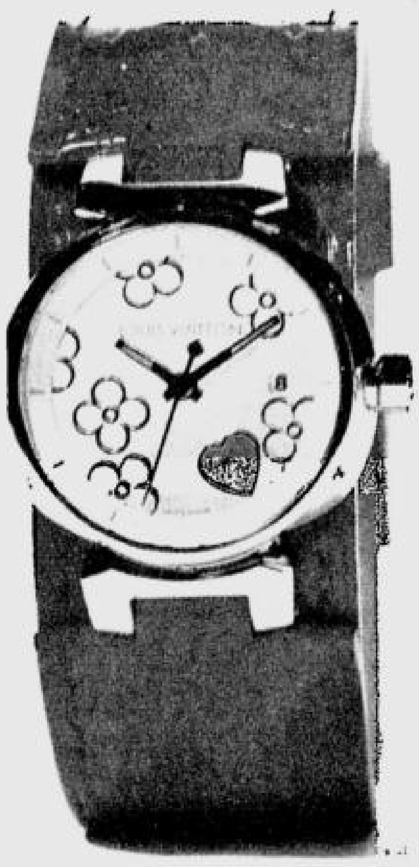
Louis Vuitton also launches a new watch for women for this special date of the year.

The Tambour Lovely Red is a very feminine wristwatch with a white mother-of-pearl dial that reveals the rounded petals of the Monogram flower with a symbolic heart in red lacquer.

In the Philippines, Louis Vuitton is located at the ground floor level of Greenbelt IV, Ayala Center, Makati City.

Visit www.louisvuitton.com.

VUITTON
LOUIS
CLOUS studs, diamond set in pink gold


TAMBOUR Lovely Valentine, steel case, white mother-of-pearl dial, red monogram vernis wide strap

CLOUS bracelet in pink gold with diamond

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

IN A RUSH

ACROSS
1 Game fish
5 Apple computers
10 Harper Valley org.
13 Crybaby
19 World's fair
20 Imply
21 Hosp. areas
22 On dry land
23 Vault
24 Tuba's sound
26 Drove off, as a fly
27 Start of a riddle
30 Business name abbr.
31 Caesar's 901
32 Trained dogs, at times
35 Riddle, part 2
40 Greek letter
42 Halt
43 Cozy room
44 Tolstoy's Karenina
45 Mrs. Washington
48 — Claire, WI
49 Japanese beer brand
52 Riddle, part 3
56 And so on and so forth Abbr.
58 "— you serious?"
59 Road atlas abbr.
60 Riddle, part 4
67 Wind blast
71 Singer Yoko
72 1945 conference site
73 Not as good
75 PGA peg
76 Fiend
78 Riddle, part 5
83 Use a stool
85 ET's transport
86 Carpenter, at times
87 Riddle, part 6
96 "You — mouthful!"
97 That girl
98 A ton
99 "There is —!"
101 Branch of Buddhism
102 Bullring shouts
104 Extreme anger
105 End of the riddle
109 Unyielding
112 Scrooge's cry
113 Getter of mind games
114 Riddle's answer
123 Valuable violins
125 Bring legal action against
126 "Ciao!"
127 Most aged
128 Back in time
129 Less sufficient, as an excuse
130 Eternally
131 Hoi polloi
132 Commanded
133 Nomadic Finns
134 Moore of "Ghost"

DOWN
1 Actor Lugosi
2 Rail-splitting tools
3 Tiff
4 Actress Loren
5 "Understood," slangily
6 Cat call
7 Prefix with sphere
8 "Li'l Abner" creator Al
9 Collar stiffener
10 Coke challenger
11 Snare
12 Arthur — Stadium
13 Moisten in the oven
14 " . who lived in —"
15 Fingerprint features
16 Pekoe that's not in a bag, e.g.
17 Before, poetically
18 Scarlet, say
25 Part of HBO
28 Bus. letter extra
29 Skydiving need
33 Pony pattern
34 Tater
35 Taking five
36 Bill passer, e.g.
37 Lieut.'s inferior
38 Genetic chain
39 — -o'-shanter
40 — -Bo (fitness system)
41 Fly ball's path
43 Korean car import
45 Outward expression
46 Participates without consent
47 Boat back
50 Bit of forced laughter
51 — -billy
53 Wolf down
54 Start for mature or school
55 Tripod part
57 Not at all orderly
61 Keebler baker
62 "— a snap!"
63 — "King" Cole
64 Prefix with light
65 Charged atom
66 URL ending
68 Avail oneself of
69 Any of 11 states in 1861
70 Iran's capital
74 Postings at LAX or JFK
77 Id — (that is)
79 Feels bad about
80 Uncertainties
81 — -i-noor (famous diamond)
82 Narrow inlet
84 Bride's promise
87 Jockey's cry
88 Gripped
89 Tourist office handouts
90 God
91 Boat mover
92 Compass dir.
93 Granola bar tidbit
94 "Gross!"
95 Low digit
100 Drenchers
103 Strikes hard
105 New Mexico resort
106 "Such is life"
107 — -color pasta
108 Insinuated
110 Biscotto flavoring
111 Bird berths
112 Meditate morbidly
115 Pearly gem
116 Desire
117 Orange Bowl org.
118 — on a log
119 Lone Star sch.
120 Roof overhang
121 Pipe part
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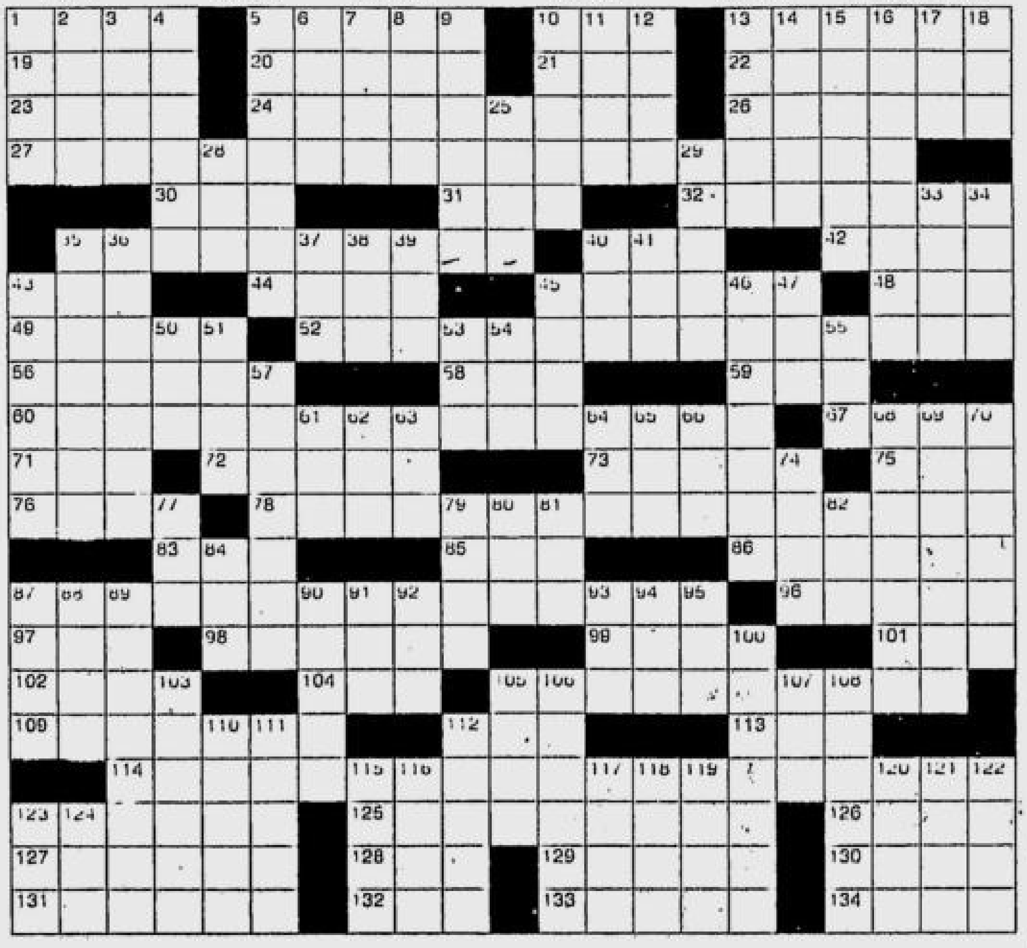

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Say it with flowers—but differently

FLOWERS still say it best so The Flower Farm Corporation offers magnificent floral arrangements in unique and elegant holders to express your love on Valentine's Day.

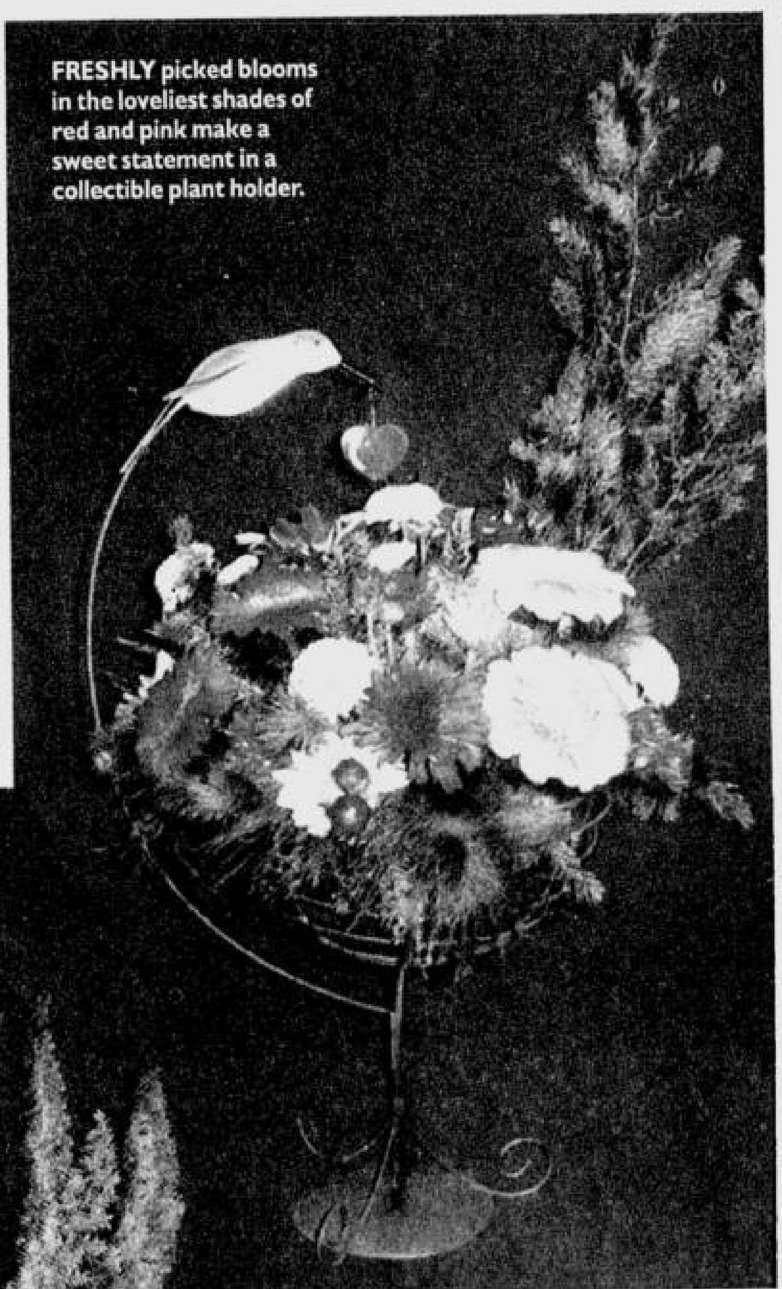
Make it a very romantic and unforgettable day for your loved one with a bunch of fully bloomed peach roses in a tin pot with heart patterns. It will certainly be a change from the usual bouquet of flowers you probably give every year.

Or choose the spring arrangement—an assortment of multi-colored gerberas

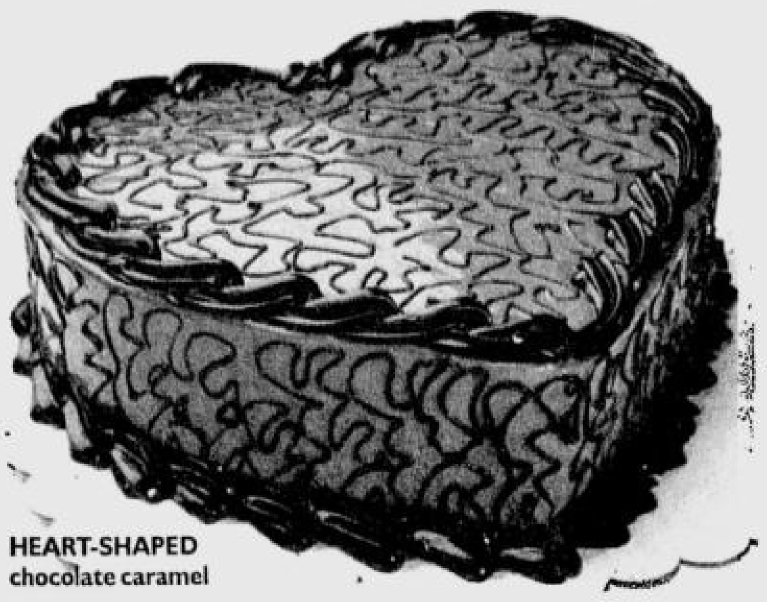
and mums accentuated by Queen Anne's lace, in a lovely bird-tipped flower holder—that will not only be expressive of your affection but will also be an attractive decorative piece. It is perfect as an indoor ornament or garden fixture.

The Flower Farm has a wide variety of floral arrangements and flower holders. Get one and make someone happy or liven up the occasion or the place.

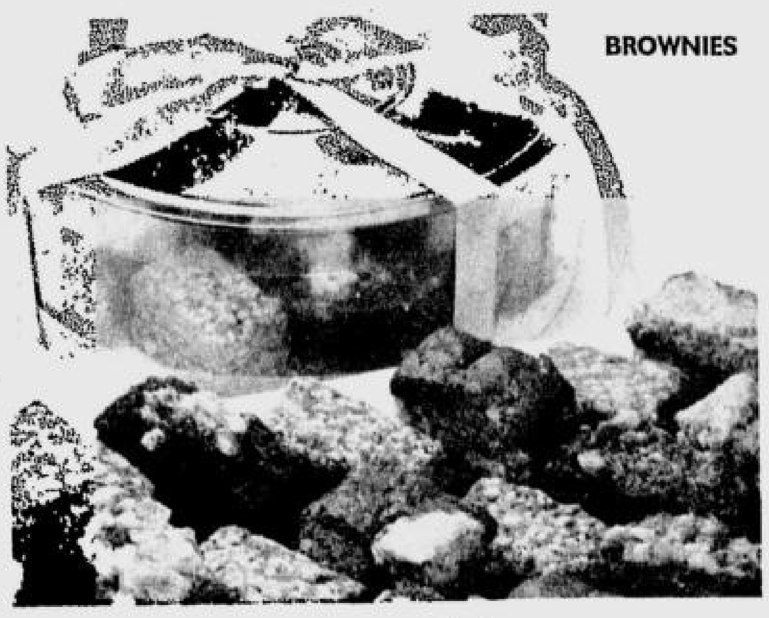
Place your orders at any of The Flower Farm Corporation's branches located in the Makati Central Business District (tel. 8156667), Alabang Town Center (tel. 8094609), Madison Square, Greenhills (tel. 7227122); and Glorietta 4 (tel. 7527206).


FRESHLY picked blooms in the loveliest shades of red and pink make a sweet statement in a collectible plant holder.

THE TRADITIONAL rose gets a modern twist in a minimalist arrangement by The Flower Farm.



HEART-SHAPED chocolate caramel



BROWNIES

Sweet treats for romantic dinners

CRAVINGS Restaurant offers a host of promos to make not just Valentine's Day a truly romantic one for diners.

The restaurant's sweet treats are available Feb. 11-15. Cravings has prepared set menus that include soup and salad, and two choices for main course—Herb- seared Marinated Beef with Sauce Chasseur and Pan-fried Crab Cakes.

The Herb-seared Marinated Beef consists of seared beef tenderloin seasoned with fresh herbs and a sauce made of mushrooms, wine, and tomato passata topped with parsley butter.

The Pan-fried Crab Cakes has breaded crab cakes with wasabi cream sauce, mango salsa and lemon slices.

Cravings has also prepared special Valentine Gift Packageslike the "Sweet Revelations", cookies with special messages for loved ones. Other sweets and pastries are Heart-shaped Double Chocolate and Chocolate Caramel cake, Tiramisu, Concorde, Mixed Fruit Charlotte, Triple Decker cake, Cookies and Nibblers, Dozen Chocolate Rumbles, and Assorted Nibblers and Chocolate Rumbles.

Couples who make early reservations will get two glasses of wine and the alphabet cookies with a personalized message. Women will receive special tokens when they dine at any Cravings outlet on Feb. 14.

Cravings outlets are located at Katipunan; Metrowalk, Ortigas; Tomas Morato; Shangri-la Mall, Robinson's Galleria; Robinson's Place Manila; Fraser Place Serviced Residence; and Festival Mall. Soon-to-open is Cravings West Avenue. Call 6891111.

MIXED fruit charlotte mini

V-DAY BREAD CONCOCTIONS
The French Baker marks Valentine's Day with a variety of bread concoctions. *Pan au chocolat* is a cheese roll-shaped bread with melted rich chocolate filling and topped with chocolate syrup drizzles and confectioner's sugar. The French Baker heart-shaped streusels are mini cakes with romantically sweet mix of crumb-like toppings made from sugar, butter, cinnamon, nuts and cherry. To cap V-Day dinner, enjoy French Baker's all-time favorites: scones, muffins, crepes, and cream puffs. The French Baker, now on its 16th year, has 30 stores in and around Metro Manila, including Cebu, Pampanga and SM Dasmarinas.

Wine, dine, dance on V Day

THE NEW World Renaissance Hotel has a special offer to make Valentine's Day special.

Guests dining at the hotel can buy wine at retail price from WineDepot and it will be waiting for them at their dinner table on Valentine's Day. No corkage fee will be charged.

Or they can just choose from the hotel's wine menu.

Chef Colin Healy is drawing up a menu and matching wine for a romantic dinner.

Those wanting to go dancing after dinner, can sway to the music of the Parliament Syndicate.

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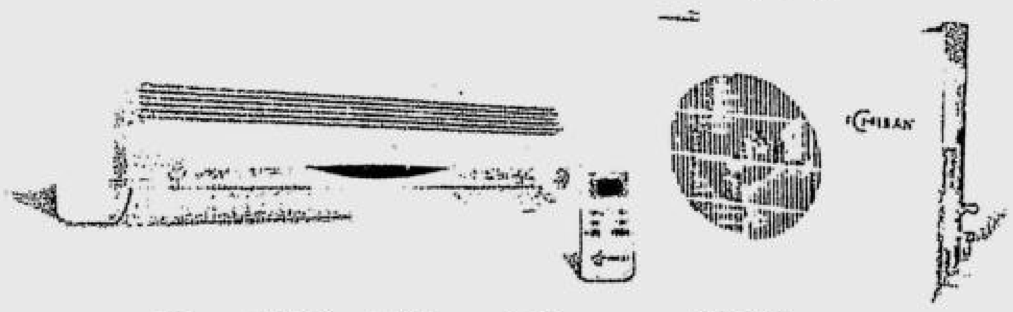

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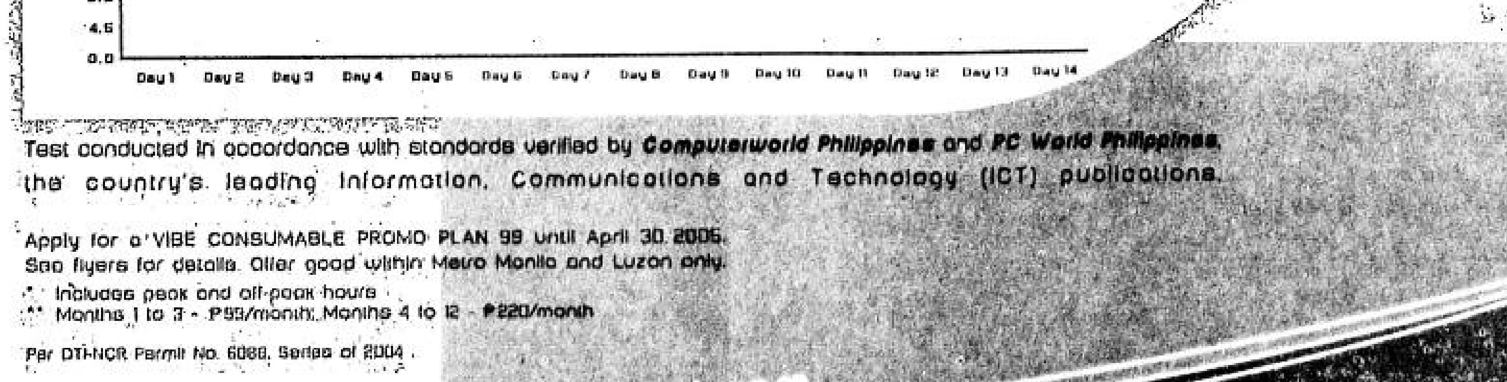

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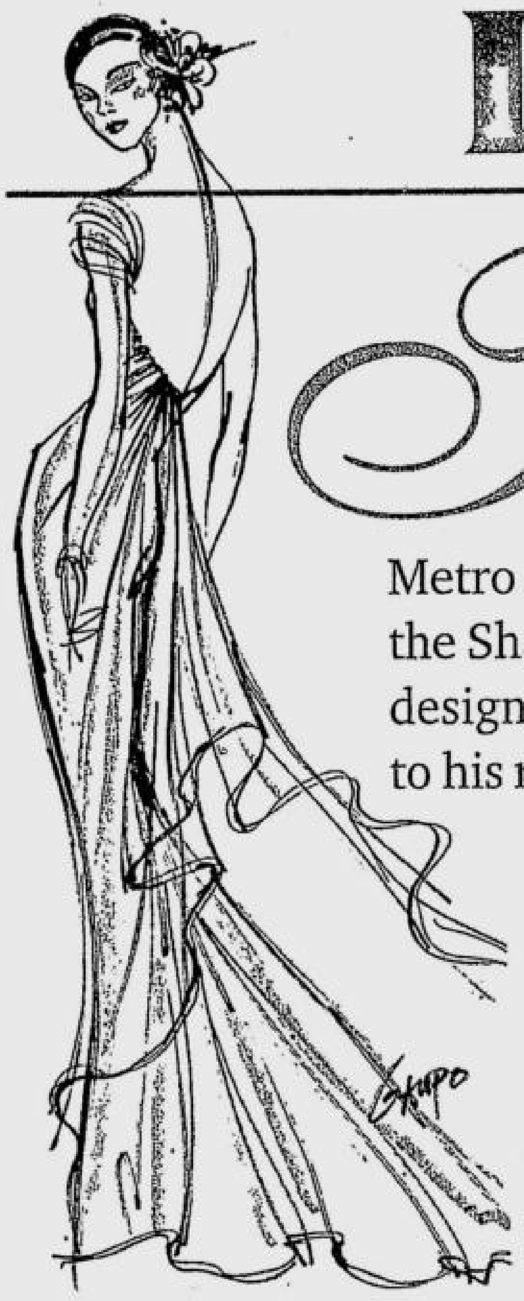
Metro Weddings spotlights the Shanghai Tang designer who's returning to his roots in couture



RTW king Cesar Gaupo is poised to make a mark in the competitive world of couture.

By Alex Y. Vergara

ALTHOUGH Cesar Gaupo won't be leaving Hong Kong-based Shanghai Tang anytime soon, he will no longer do its RTW line for men and women starting this year. The country's reigning RTW king and chief in-house designer of Shanghai Tang will instead focus on the brand's couture collections, which come out every March and October. He has given up his apartment in Hong Kong as he'll be doing the bulk of his work in Manila.

Since he now has more time in his hands to attend to local clients, he wants to mark this major shift in his long and illustrious career with an equally major show.

Enter Thelma San Juan, general manager of ABS-CBN Publishing, and Jenny Peña, Hotel InterContinental Manila's director of public relations. When they sat down to brainstorm on this year's edition of Metro Weddings, one of their primary concerns was how to keep people interested in the annual wedding fair. Having led the way three years ago, the two felt the need to fine-tune and modify their efforts if they wanted this year's show on April 11 at the Hotel InterCon's poolside to stand out.

The two-day bridal fair, which starts April 10, is also organized by Metro Weddings and Hotel InterCon. Admission is free.

San Juan found the answer when she chanced upon Gaupo several days later. She asked Gaupo to do not just two to three bridal gowns, but the 21 gowns of the entire "entourage"—from the bride down to the six flower girls.

It will be like a real wedding without a priest, as professional models, led by Grace Tagle as the bride, assume various roles. Marden Iglesias will do the suits of the groom and bible bearer. Patrick Rosas and his team will do the models' hair and makeup, while Rafael and Janylin will provide jewelry and shoes. The virtual solo show proved too good for Gaupo to refuse.

Of course, Gaupo is the least bit surprised about this latest development. As far as he's concerned, his heart has always been into couture. But he chose to join SM decades ago for practical reasons, and as fate would have it still managed to make a name for himself in the competitive and often underrated field of RTW.

More personal

"I've had a wonderful time doing RTW, but for me couture is more personal," he says. "You're freed of such concerns as the market and how the store's owners will respond to your designs. In couture, it's between you and the client."

Besides, Gaupo, 58, feels he's not getting any younger. If he has to make a career move now is the proper time.

But one's age is simply a state of mind. After all these years, he has remained as competitive as ever. Pressed to elaborate on his designs for the forthcoming show, the designer simply grins and politely declines to reveal the specifics—at least not until a day or two before the big event (bridal sketches that accompany this article won't be the same pieces that will come out in the show).

"They might get ideas and beat me to it," he says good-naturedly. "Let's just say that I'll steer clear of embellishments and focus more on the silhouette for my bridal gown. I'll be using plenty of silk and chiffon fabrics."

In lieu of flowers, the garden "wedding" to be designed by Tony Rodriguez will be spruced up with additional grass and young bamboo shoots. The typical 4-ft high catwalk will give

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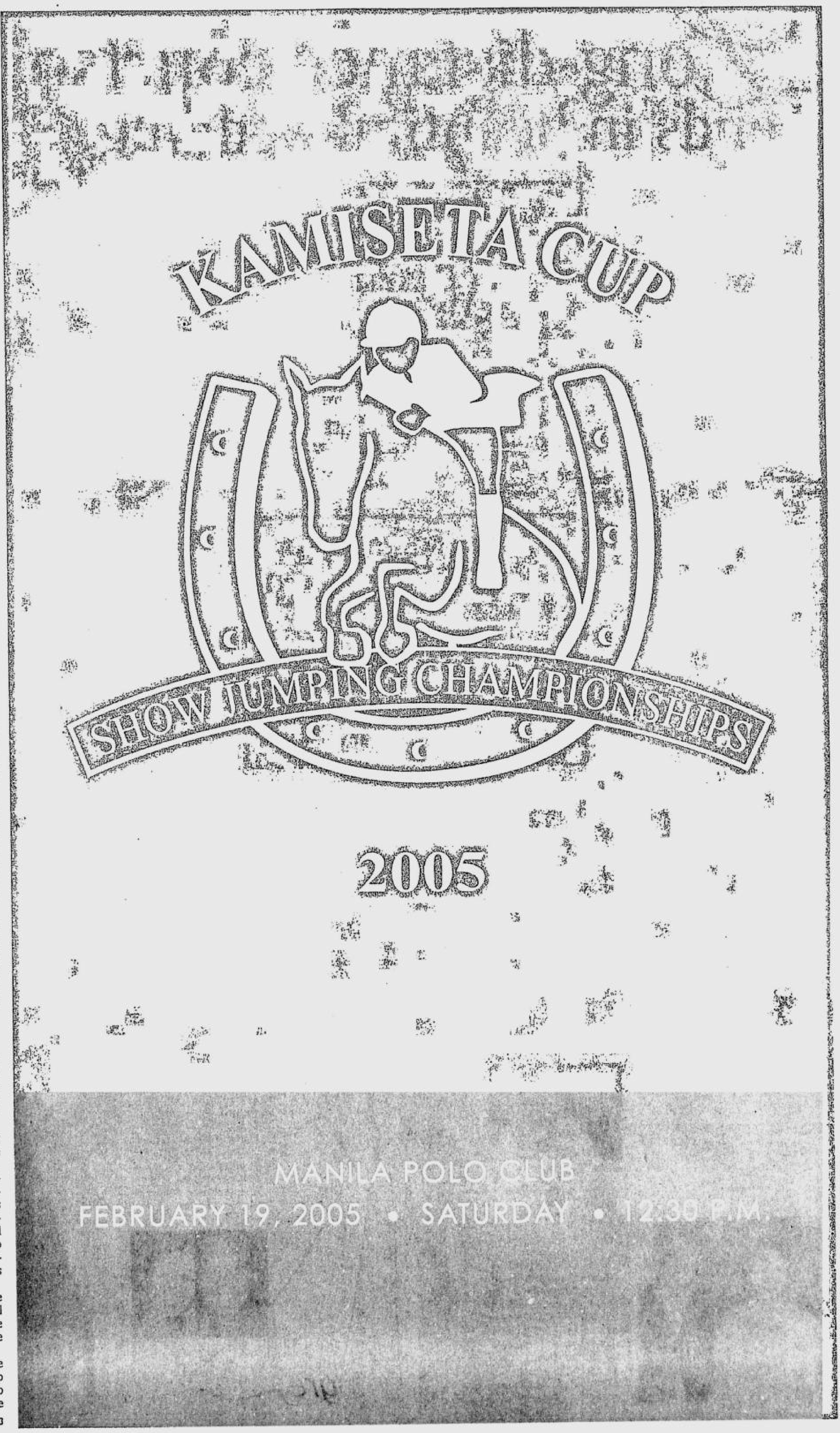
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ABARY-VICHUACO

Long-distance courtship ends in beautiful wedding

By Josephine Darang

THE MOTHER of Christian Abary, Teresita Medina Abary from Laoag City, would like to think that the courtship of her son and Dr. Rosanna Vichuaco had been a case of "East meeting West."

The bridegroom who married the "woman of his dreams" on Jan. 29 at the Shrine of Jesus the Way the Truth and the Life met his new bride only in late 2003 through letters, e-mail and long-distance phone conversations.

It all began when lawyer Jesus Magaway, who is a native of Balanga, Bataan, but lived in Torrance, California, allowed Christian to sell his house there. The sale was completed on Aug. 15, 2003. When Magaway found out that Christian was a bachelor at 33, he promised that he would introduce him to a single girl who was "pretty, intelligent and a physician."

And so it was that Christian wrote Rosanna who responded. This began their long-distance courtship. After months of e-mails, Christian came to the Philippines, went to Balanga straight from the airport, and met Rosanna for the first time on Dec. 13, 2003.

The two young people were, of course, nervous, but Christian as early as September 2003 had decided to marry Rosanna, who had a pediatric clinic in Bataan, even before he met her.

Rosanna received an engagement ring on Sept. 2, 2004 in Villa San Antonio, a resort in Balanga. Christian gave her the ring but not after bringing Rosanna to the United States on Jan. 7, 2004 for her to meet his parents.

To cut the story short, relatives from California, including the bridegroom's grandmother, Filipinas Ruiz vda. Medina, and his parents, Dr. Alexander Abary and Teresita Medina Abary, came to Manila for the beautiful wedding.

Acting as best man was Dr. Brian Abary, the groom's brother; the matron of honor was Rosalie Vichuaco-Cruz.

Dressed in an exquisite gown by Louie Salazar, the couple exchanged vows before Balanga Bishop Socrates Villegas, a good friend of Antonio Vichuaco Jr. and Carmelita Guzon Vichuaco, the bride's parents.

WITH ROSALIE Cruz, the bride's matron of honor, and Dr. Brian Abary, the groom's best man

He had made up his mind to marry her even before meeting her personally

WITH their parents, Antonio and Carmelita Vichuaco, and Teresita and Dr. Alexander Abary

NEWLYWEDS Christian and Rosanna Abary (née Vichuaco)

Milestones

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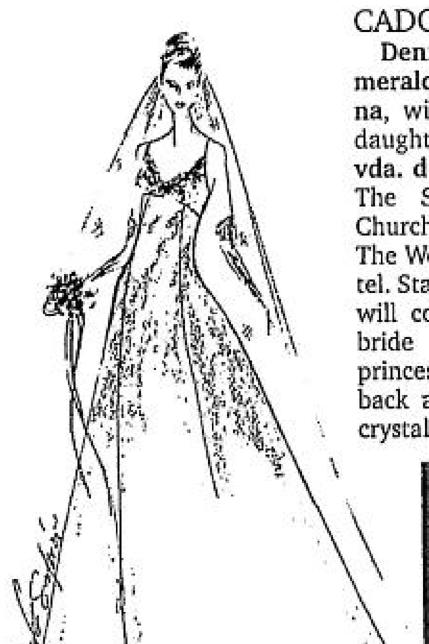
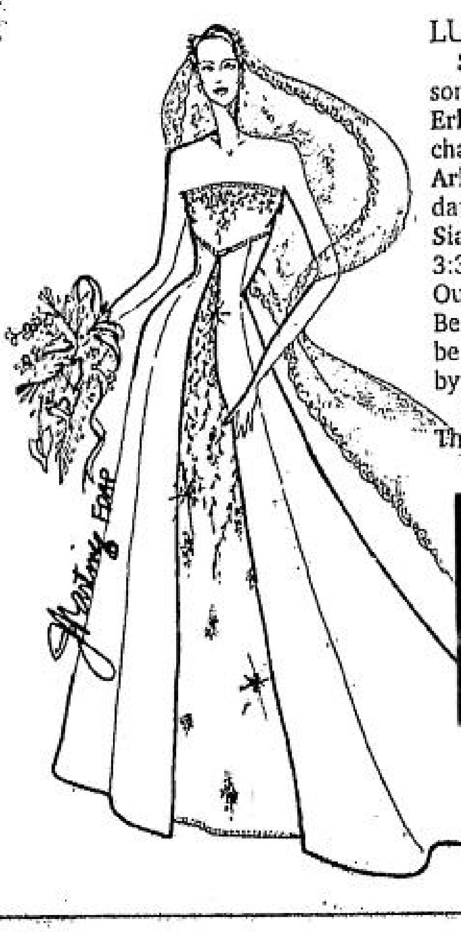


CADORNA-MAXIMO

Denmarc Cadorna, son of **Esmeraldo** and **Florinda Cadorna**, will marry **Imee Maximo**, daughter of **Zenaida Malpas vda. de Maximo**, on Feb. 25 at The Shrine of Jesus Christ Church. Reception will follow at The Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel. Starwood's **Ernest E. Santos** will coordinate the event. The bride will wear an empire-princess seam gown with sweep-back and pearl and Swarovski crystal beadwork.

MONTOYA-ARRIOLA

Nicanor Juan Andres, son of doctors **Nicanor** and **Concepcion Montoya**, recently married **Mary Ann Therese**, daughter of the late engineer **Isaias Arriola** and **Teresa Arriola**, at the Manila Cathedral. Reception was held at the Westin Philippine Plaza.



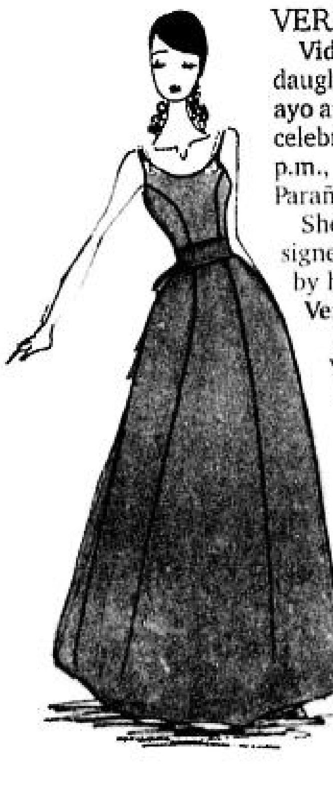
LUMABI-SIAWINGCO

Steven Marcial Lumabi, son of lawyer **Rosalino** and **Erlinda Lumabi**, will exchange wedding vows with **Arlene Cruz Siawingco**, daughter of **Angel** and **Anita Siawingco Jr.**, on Feb. 19, 3:30 p.m., at the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat (San Beda Church). The bride will be wearing a gown designed by **Jontie Martinez.**

Reception will follow at The Coconut Palace.

LABORTE-BARROCA

Tony and **Bunny** were wed on Dec. 17 at St. James the Great Parish in Ayala Alabang Village. Tony Jr. is the son of **Antonio** and **Angelina Laborte**, and Bunny the daughter of **Jose Jr.** and **Evangeline Barroca.** Reception followed at the Palms Country Club, Filinvest City. The bride's gown was by **Dan Cadiz.**



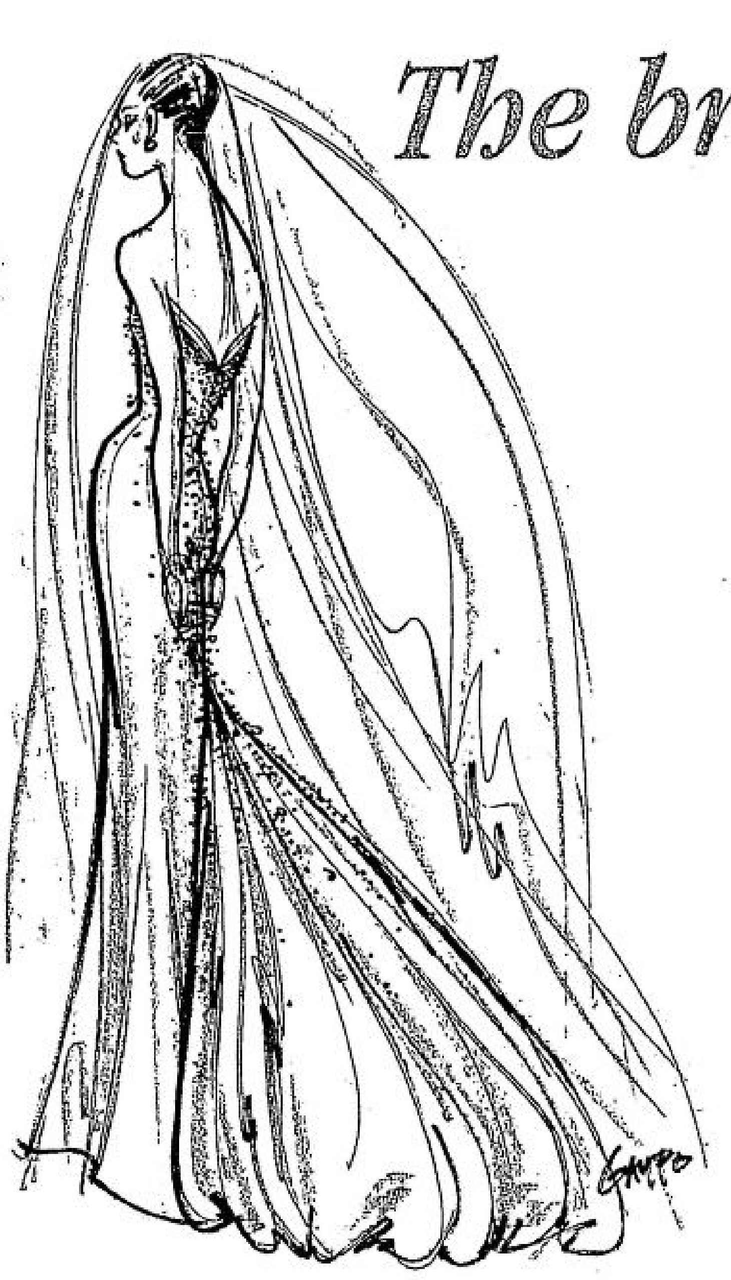
VERAYO DEBUT

Videllie Ann Yuvienco Verayo, eldest daughter of lawyer **Socrates Abueg Verayo** and the former **Arlene Yuvienco**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Feb. 19, 6 p.m., at Max's Restaurant, Sucat, Parañaque City.

She will wear a pink beaded gown designed and embellished with rhinestones by her grandmother, Dr. **Ligaya Abueg Verayo.**

The debutante is an active Parish Youth Council officer and an Eco-Accounting freshman at the De la Salle University-Taft.

The bride wore Gaupo



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way to a lower, 8-inch high version to allow guests a better view of the gowns. Chairs will follow the arrangement of a typical garden wedding.

"I purposely wanted the ambiance to be fresh and clean," Gaupo says.

Gaupo feels no need for additional blooms since members of his entourage will double as flowers in flowing gowns with colors ranging from fuchsia and orange for the three bridesmaids, and aqua and chartreuse for the three secondary sponsors.

The mom's bride will slip into a fuchsia number, while the groom's mom will be draped in turquoise. Two pieces worth watching for are the black gowns the two principal sponsors will be wearing.

"I wanted to break free from the taboo that black in a no-no during weddings," Gaupo explains. "Black has always been a sophisticated and flattering color. Besides, this is an evening affair."

But don't expect a pair of mature and plump women to play the roles of *ninang* (godmothers). In Gaupo's ideal world, everyone is tall, svelte, sophisticated and blessed with sharp, almost mestiza-like features. One will know who's who, he says, by the way each of them is dressed and styled.

Some models may be wearing the same colors, but Gaupo will dress them up differently in order to emphasize their respective roles and mirror their supposed personalities. In short, there won't be any uniform gowns for the simple reason that no two women are alike. He's pretty much guided by the same principles when he designs made-to-order clothes for real people.

"Apart from exuding a certain look," he says, "a gown should reflect the personality and lifestyle of the wearer. That's why I don't believe in limiting the design based on a person's body type."

As a designer, Gaupo knows that it's expected of him to highlight the client's assets and camouflage her flaws. But in his book, a woman's personality and not her size should be the designer's ultimate consideration when doing a gown.

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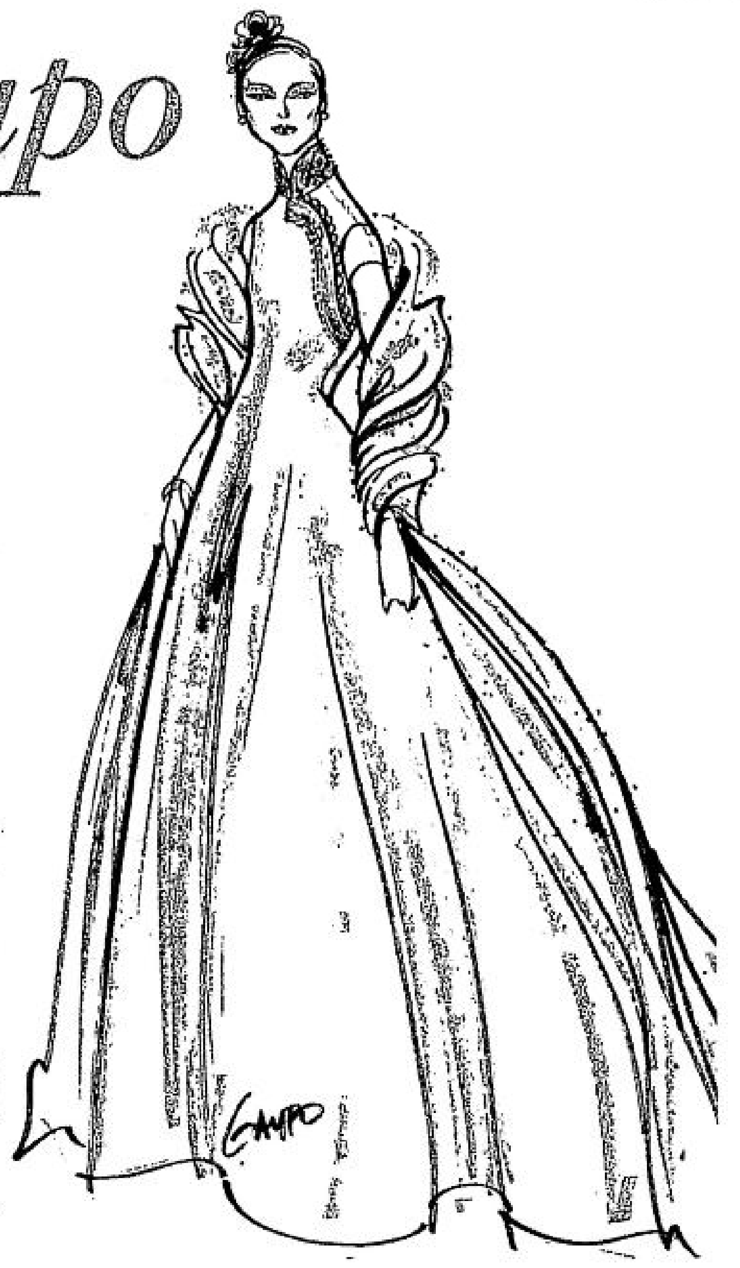

LG Electronics Revolutionizes Karaoke with the NKS

It is a known fact that Filipinos love to sing. Proof of this is the presence of the karaoke or videoke machines in almost every Filipino household. No party is complete without a videoke session as guests sing their hearts out and let go of their inhibitions, transforming into divas like Mariah Carey or rock stars like John Mayer once they get their hands on that microphone.

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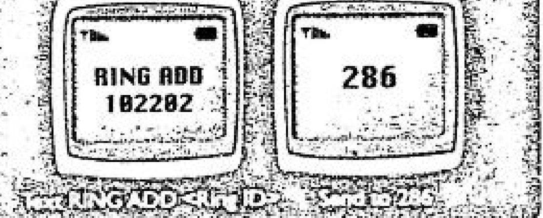

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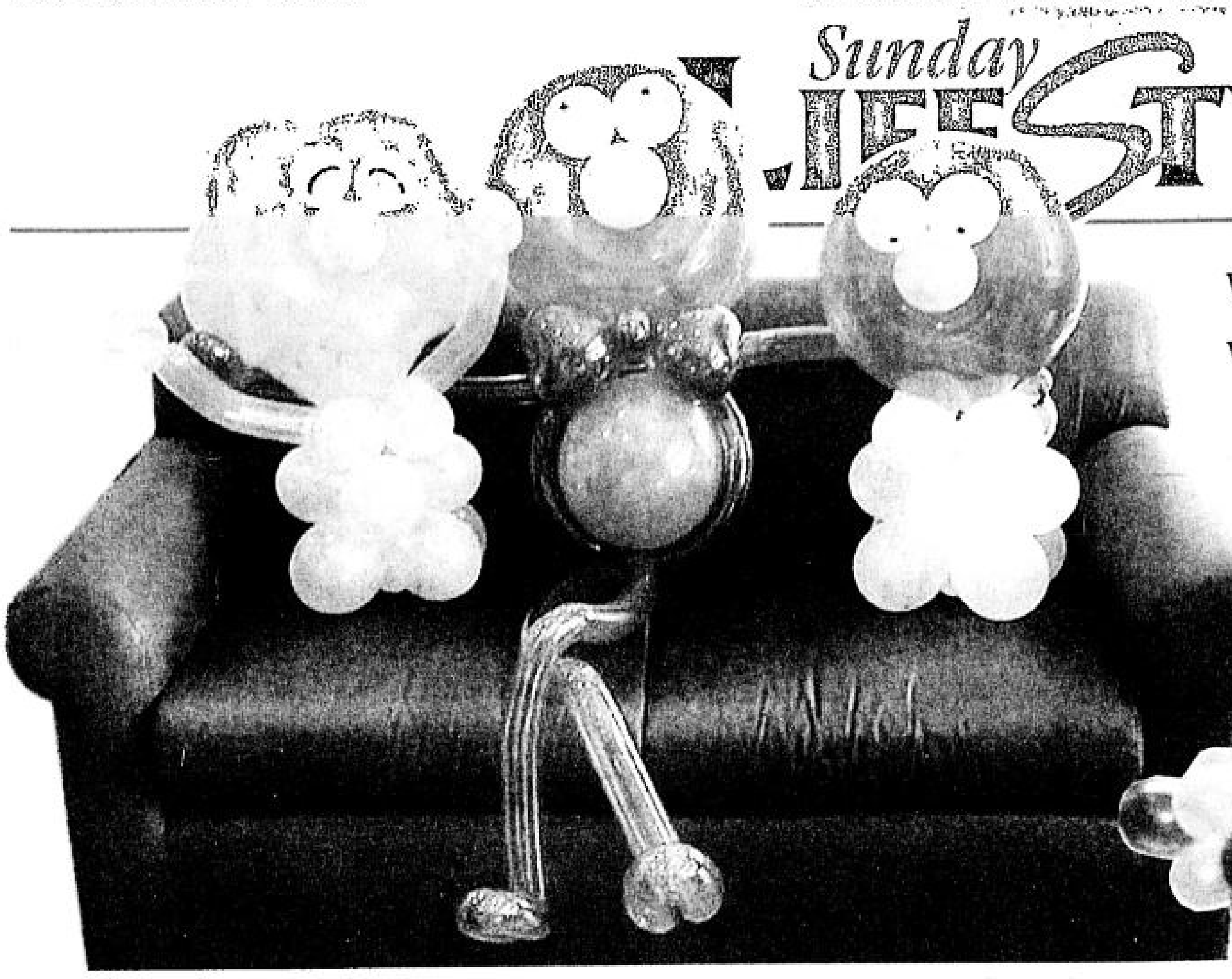

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No easy task

Sunico put up Kiddie-Party after organizing his daughter's (Raya) first birthday. He realized it was no easy task to organize the event.

"My wife, Karen, and I went through the trouble of calling shops for balloons, invitations and other party needs. It was so tedious and physically draining," he recalls.

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His troubles, however, turned into a business idea. "I just thought if there's a one-stop party shop that offers all the necessary elements for a great party it would make things easy for parents... *Parang isang puntahan at usap na lang 'yun,"* Sunico says.

He started his business with catering, a task for which he was well-prepared, being vice president for operations and purchasing of Makati Skyline, a trusted name in the catering industry. Then he started offering food carts serving hotdogs, cotton candy, ice cream, popcorn, snow cone and french fries.

Through referrals and word of mouth, Sunico's business grew and was soon also providing balloons and other decor, mascots, party tables and chairs, hosts and talents, among others.

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JON Sunico with wife Karen, daughter Raya and the loveable Mr. Sun mascot

Now three years old, Kiddie-Party has become in-demand as planner for kiddie parties and events. Kiddie-Party (8978319, 8901799, 7005259, 4387701) has two showrooms—Wilson, Greenhills; and Katipunan, White Plains. Its office and warehouse are on Kalayaan Avenue, Makati.

Sunico has established networks with different organizations because of his business. His company is the kiddie party organizer of most hotels, country and sports clubs, restaurants and retail shops in town. It handles children's events of Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Discovery Suites, Astoria Plaza and Island Cove, Makati Sports Club, Club Filipino, Quezon City Sports Club, Manila Polo Club, Albergus, Burgoo and Gerry's Grill.

Party packages

As far as party food is concerned, Kiddie Party has the widest range of food carts and tie-ups with branded food carts that you find in the malls, such as Fiorgelato Ice Cream, Candy Corner, Brothers Burger, Haagen Dazs, Nacho King, Persian Shawarma and Starbucks.

As for entertainment, Kiddie-Party can provide a dog and monkey or bird and reptile show. It can also invite acrobats, fire-eater, juggling cyclists, ventriloquist, contortionist, stilt walker, mime artist and even stand-up comedian. Prices, of course, depend on the length of performance.

AMUSEMENT game booth for the young ones

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Kiddie-Party itself organizes such entertaining activities for both kids and adults as face painting, balloon twisting, and henna tattoo and glitter tattooing. A bead and craft station can also be set up as well as a kiddie *kikay* salon.

"Our clients always ask for new offerings," Sunico says. "So we always look for new, interesting items, activities and entertainers for the party. We don't want them to get tried of the usual magic and bubble shows."

Kiddie-Party has giant inflatable slides that children can climb then slide down from. For the less adventurous kids, it has sets of Little Tykes that can be set up, including amusement game booths like basketball, bean-bag throw, spin-a-wheel and shooting gallery.

A nice bonus, Sunico says, is the company's loveable mascot, Mr. Sun, "who can be in your party to spread cheers and fun to all kids."

Kiddie Party can also help arrange a larger venue if your place is small. It keeps a list of hotels, restaurants and clubhouses where Kiddie-Party established tie-ups. It can even arrange for you to have your party even in venues that require membership.

Right now, the Kiddie-Party.Com is expanding its services. It has started to handle events like baptisms, baby or bridal showers and even corporate activities like Easter, Christmas, Halloween parties and Family Days.

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American kids boning up on good manners

WASHINGTON—As if dance lessons and soccer camp were not enough, the newest after-school activity for kids in the United States is etiquette school.

Fueled by two-career parents with no time to teach their children themselves, or who just worry about being embarrassed in a fancy restaurant, old-fashioned comportment academies are enjoying a boom across the country.

"I have never seen anything like it," said Dorothea Johnson, director of the Protocol School of Washington. "The demand quadrupled in the United States in the past five years.

Johnson, whose school has branches in 32 countries serving mostly diplomats, attributed much of the surge to overworked parents.

With both parents working at professional careers, like a high percentage of the families in the US capital, they "don't have time to teach the children, so they are happy to send them to a class," she explained.

She said many of her pupils' parents also lack formal social skills themselves, having grown up in the 1960s when polite society manners gave way to a "let it all hang out" attitude.

The trend appears as well to be driven by the loosening of traditional family bonds in American society, according to Cassandra Givan, founder of the "Manners on the Go" school near Portland, Oregon, in the US northwest.

"As children, we were often exposed to etiquette through our families, our grandparents," said Givan. But because families live farther apart, she said, children need to learn good manners in classes.

"We teach social skills, how to be a good friend, table manners. It is also good for self-image and self-esteem. If a child is shy, it helps him relate to other children," said Givan.

At etiquette school, children learn things like where to wait before taking their seat at a table, how to slice and serve a cake without getting one's fingers in it, and how to write a thank-you note to a hostess.

The price for classy comportment varies by region. In Portland, a group course can start at $10 an hour per student. In Washington and New York, a one-day intensive session described as "tutored fine dining" at a Ritz-Carlton hotel hits a hefty $249.

Not all parents understand what it takes to inculcate a child with fine manners, say the experts.

Givan said many are looking for a "quick fix," to instill their children with proper manners. It is not so easy, she said: "Children learn through continuity—it must become part of their routine."

"In the Washington area, families want private classes," said Johnson. "I prefer to have children in a group because the interactive experience is very important."

The parents also do not want it publicized that their children attend manners classes, so Johnson keeps the course closed off to reporters.

Manners training has other benefits, too, said Johnson: the parents can end up learning social skills from their children.

"We tell the children: 'Do not ever correct your parents but tell your parents what you have learned, show them what you have learned.'"

True to its high-society reputation, the legendary Plaza Hotel in New York offers courses for children from 6 years up on how to eat fine foods, under the direction of Lyudmila Bloch.

"Children will respond much better to a third party" teaching them, said Bloch. Starting at $55 for three lessons, her courses include "Basic Dining Skills," "Tea Etiquette and Social Skills" and "Advanced Dining Skills," in which tricky dishes are served to the student, like escargots and artichokes.

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The show is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission is free.

Participants represent the Ikenobo, Sogetsu, Ohara, Ryusei-Ha and Chiko Schools. Also invited to join are the provincial Ikebana chapters of Cebu, Cagayan de Oro and Davao.

Japanese Ambassador's wife Madam Noriko Yamazaki, architect-sculptor Ramon Orlina, Shangri-La Plaza executive vice president Lala Fojas, Ikebana Club president Celia Guevarra Lazaro and overall show chair

Hubilla will formally open the exhibit with the lighting of the traditional "sulo".

Lecture-demonstrations will be conducted by Emy Dimayuga, Sogetsu School, 2-3:30 p.m., and Serapion S. Metilla, Ikenobo School, 4-6 p.m. on Feb. 26; Liling Nuguid, Ikenobo School, 2:30 p.m., Vangie Cheng, Sogetsu School, 3-4:30 p.m., and Rose Laurel Avancena, Joyce Kato and Kazuko Zenarosa, Ohara School, 5-6:30 p.m. on Feb. 27.

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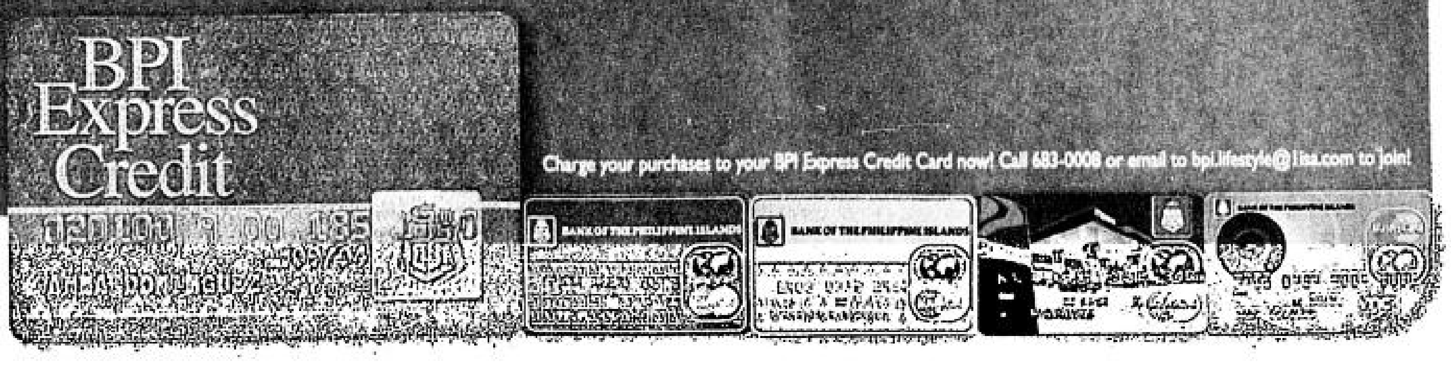
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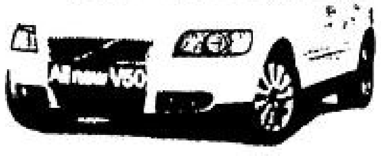

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Palau, rock islands of surprises

Text by Violeta Hughes-Davis
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FEW Filipinos know that the Republic of Palau is only 1,041 statute miles southeast of Manila, or a mere two and a half hours by plane.

Even fewer still know that Palau is closer to the Philippines not only geographically but in many other ways as well. When my husband and I visited Palau during the Christmas holidays, I was surprised to find out how little I knew about this country, one of our closest neighbors.

The Republics of the Philippines and Palau have some unusual affinities and striking historical similarities. According to Kambes Kesoleí of the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), Palau (an archipelago with a land area of 196 square miles) and the Philippines sit on the same Philippine Sea Plate, with Palau at the southeastern boundary.

Based on Kesolei's detailed explanation of our geological ties, I'd like to think that the two archipelagos have a common "geologic navel." Ecologically, the similarity between our two archipelagos is obvious in the vegetation common to both: Coconuts, papayas, mangoes, *gumamelas*, orchids, *kalachuchi* and other familiar plants.

Like the Philippines, Palau came under the rule of Spain (1885), Japan (1919) and finally the United States at the end of World War II in 1946. It was also occupied by Germany in 1899. In 1994, Palau gained its independence when it signed the Compact of Free Association with the United States.

The relationship between the two countries became closer when Filipinos began supplying Palau's labor needs. Now, Filipinos comprise one-fifth of Palau's population of around 19,129. In every establishment we entered, be it an Internet café, a museum, a gift shop, even an eye clinic, we ran into a

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countryman, so that you could speak Tagalog almost anywhere you go. Words like "*kuya*" or "*manang*" have become commonplace.

Small archipelago

The entire Palau archipelago, including Koror, the capital and the only city, is only 325 miles long. One resident told me that you can drive the one main road that runs from one end of Koror to the other end in 10 minutes. There is not one movie house on the islands, and department stores are much smaller.

However, in Palau, you would not go hungry or wait very long for a table, because there are 69 restaurants and 21 hotels, and about a dozen bars, Karaokes and night clubs. In contrast, Tagaytay, with a population of 45,287, has only 13 hotels and 18 inns/apartelles and 35 restaurants and fast-food outlets.

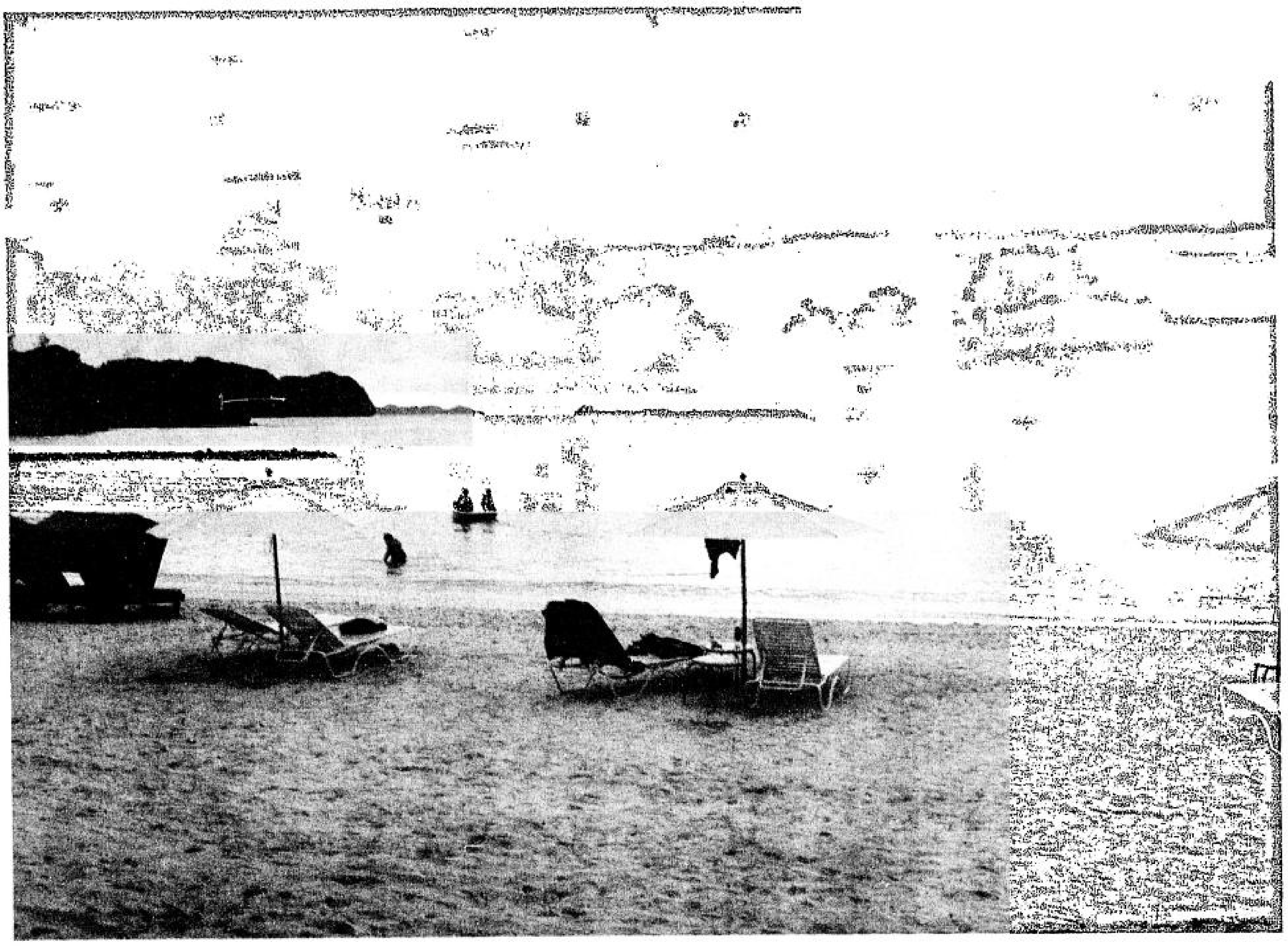
Knowing this, one is tempted to ask, "What can I do there"? Surprisingly, in the six days that we were on the islands, we had plenty to do. Between getting up late, leisurely eating large breakfasts, going to the museums, snorkeling, shopping for souvenirs and having dinners with our hosts, we had no time to explore other aspects of Palauan culture, like a "Bai" (the traditional village meeting house) or the ancient cave rock paintings.

Instead of malling, a visitor should take advantage of the islands's main attraction, its waters. As I was looking down from the windows of the plane on its slow descent, I was intrigued by the unique sight of what appeared like lush wreaths arranged in the calm waters of the lagoon.

I later found out that these were the Rock Islands. Around them, the waters reflected all the conceivable hues between blue and green—emerald, jade, navy, olive, indigo, moss—depending on where I looked.

The visual feast of colors were only a prelude to the other pleasure afforded by these waters. As Palau and the Philippines are both located in what geologists call the "golden triangle" of coral reef diversity, they share an astonishing variety and lushness of fish and coral species.

Scuba aficionados from around the world, Jacques Cousteau among them, rate Palau's numerous diving sites as among the world's best for the stunning variety of their marine life. In addition, its calm waters, spotless visibility and unusual historical remnants like the sunken wrecks of Japanese seaplanes, distinguish Palau's diving sites.

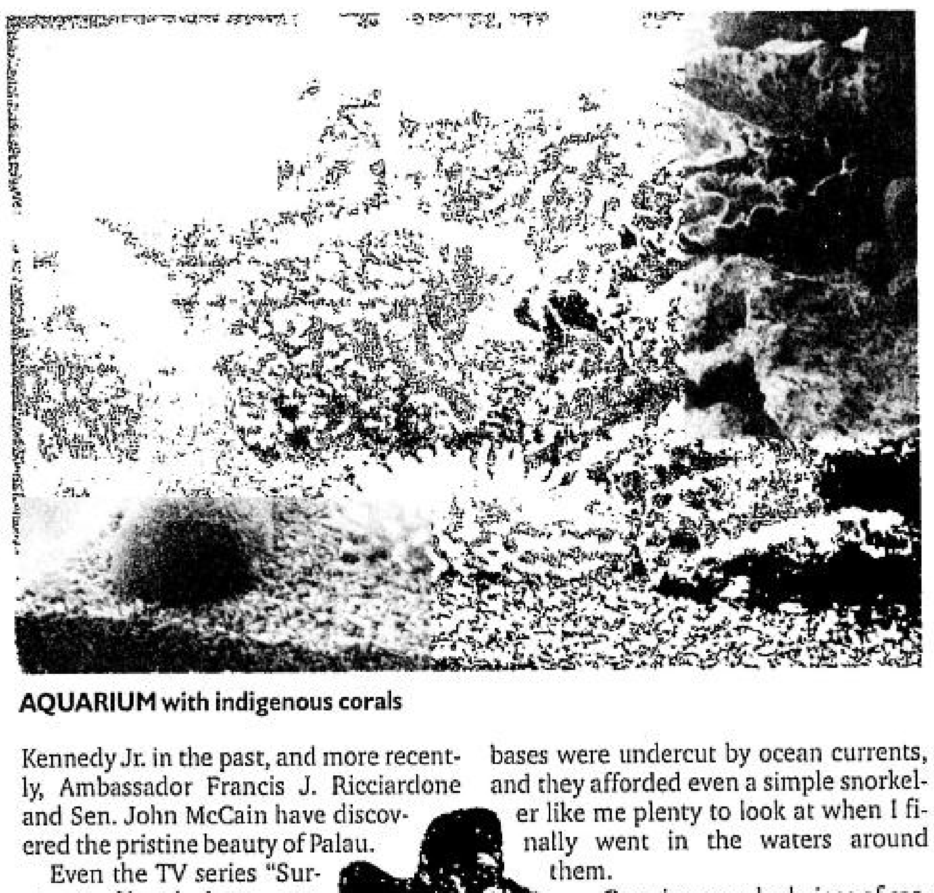


SCENIC beach

Immaculate waters

If you are into sports fishing, you can look forward to matching wits with Palauan big fishes such as barracudas, marlins and tunas that flourish in the carefully nurtured immaculate waters of the lagoon.

If you do not feel up to this challenge, you can just lie back with a fishing line and enjoy counting the catch while paddling around in a boat. Guests such as Darryl Hannah and the late John F. Kennedy Jr. in the past, and more recently, Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone and Sen. John McCain have discovered the pristine beauty of Palau.



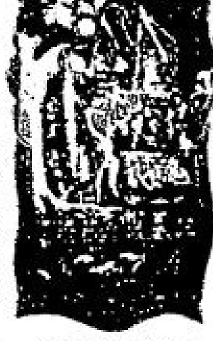
AQUARIUM with indigenous corals

CULTURAL dancers

Even the TV series "Survivor" filmed here two months ago and left the country a $5 million windfall for its hospitality.

Our boat trip around the Rock Islands satisfied one of my greatest curiosities about Palau. We set off on a beautiful sunny day for a 10-hour trip around the Rock Islands and I finally saw up close what, from the sky, had peaked my curiosity.

The "wreaths" are limestone coral reefs whose bases were undercut by ocean currents, and they afforded even a simple snorkeler like me plenty to look at when I finally went in the waters around them.



NGIBTAL tree

Carrying a cooked piece of cassava to feed the fish, I immediately attracted an excited swarm of fishes in a dizzying array of brilliant colors and assorted sizes, from silver 18-inch barracudas to striped, dotted and solid-colored other varieties.

Indeed, there is plenty to do here, and I have not even mentioned trekking up to Jellyfish Lake to snorkel with the stingless jellyfish.

'Lechon' feast

Our hosts surpassed themselves in their hospitality. The night we arrived, a member of Congress invited us to a soiree planned by the Speaker of the House for the Congressional staff.

I was surprised to see a real *lechon* as the star of the buffet, and even more surprised that the Palauans knew it by that name. After I tasted the crisp skin and the moist, tender meat, I thought, "They also know how to cook it right!"

As it turned out, it was indeed cooked by an expert, a Filipino chef. Our hosts also suggested we try native specialties like beef cooked in the leaves of the betel nut and clams in coconut sauce, and we were delighted we did.

Despite centuries under foreign rule, Palau retains much of its indigenous culture, now incorporated in its present political and social structures, and its arts. Its matrilineal system is still intact and is embedded in the modern political system. This translates to the practice of giving only men the right to hold office, and the women the sole right to vote.

For the family, it means, for example, that when a young boy needs to be disciplined, his mother's uncle or aunt appropriates the duty. Our host repeated a popular joke that best describes the system: "Palauan men are like lions who are brave, fierce and strong, but the women are the trainers."

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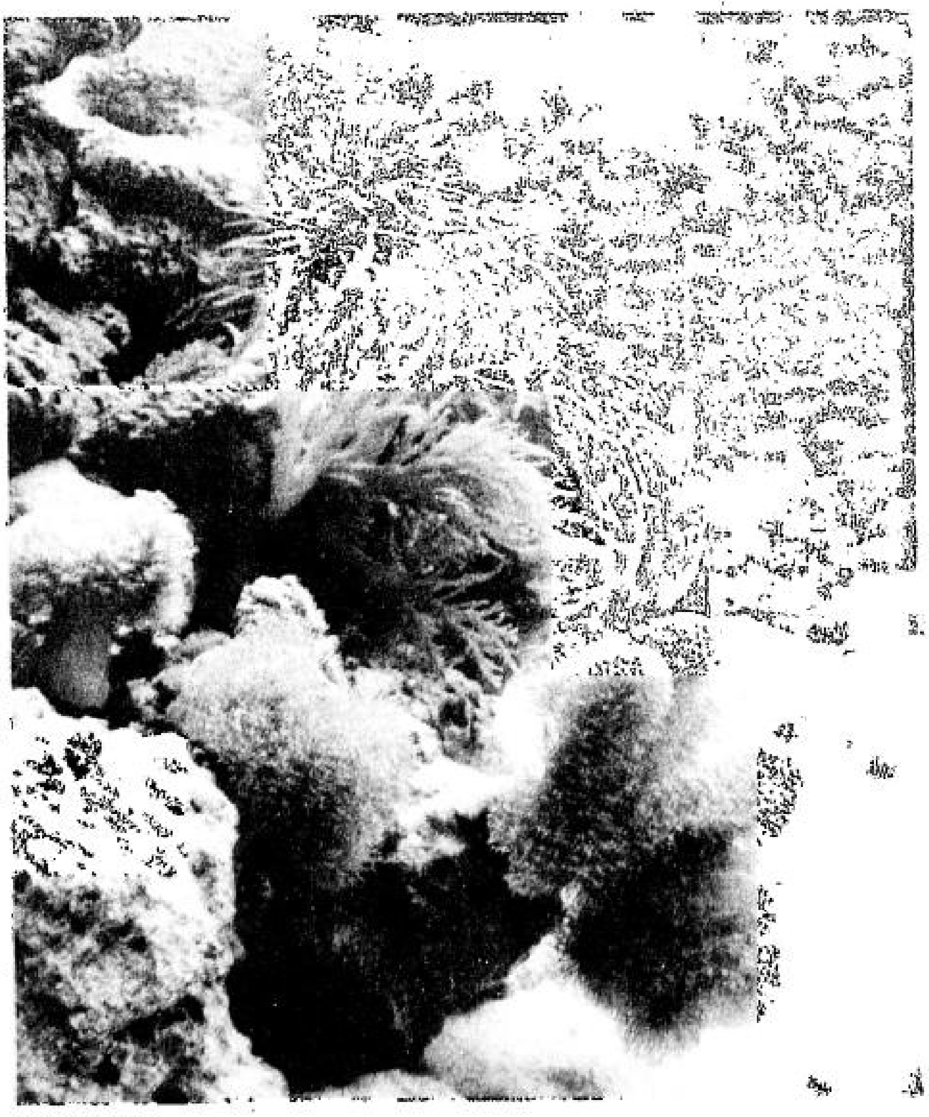

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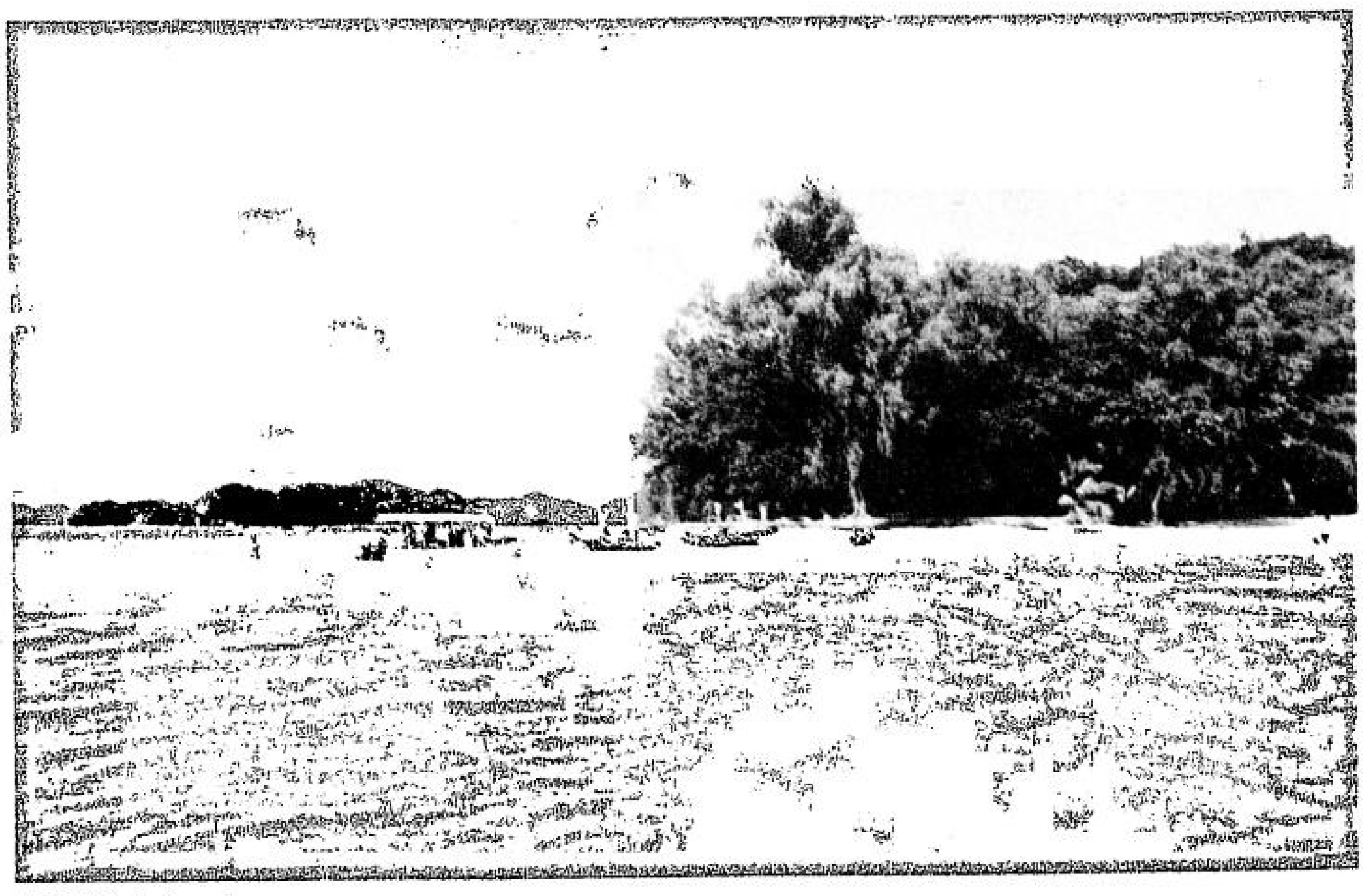

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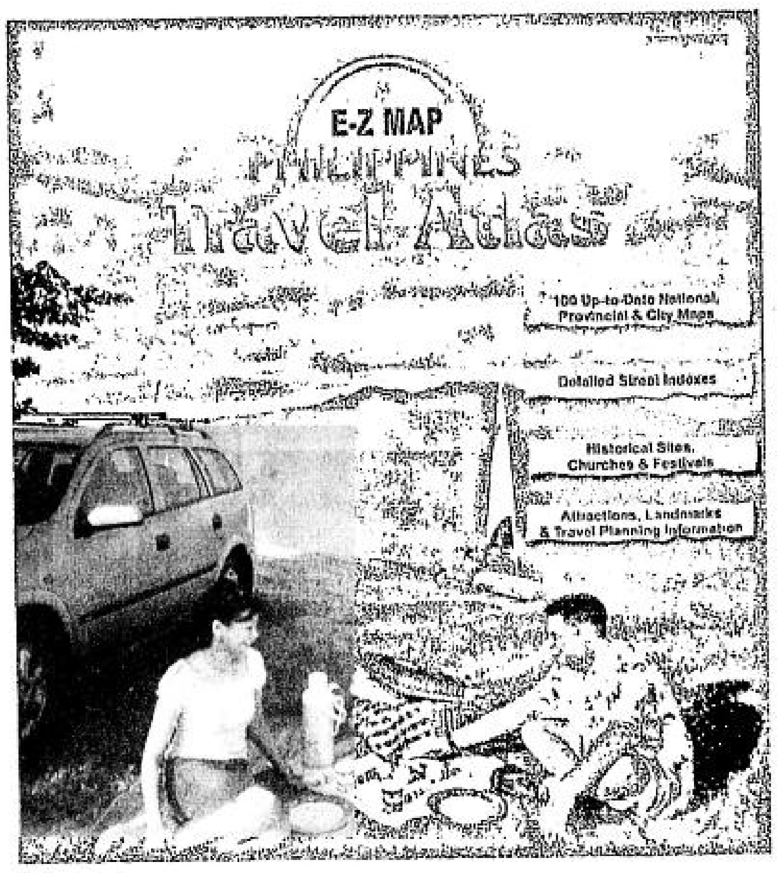
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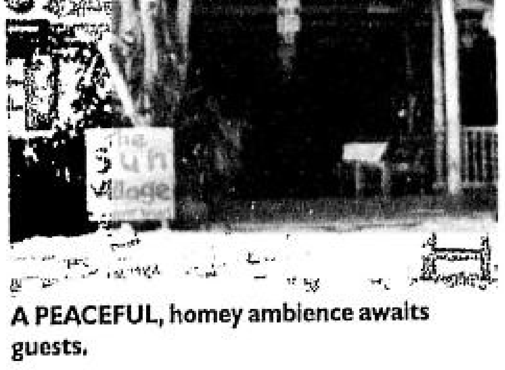

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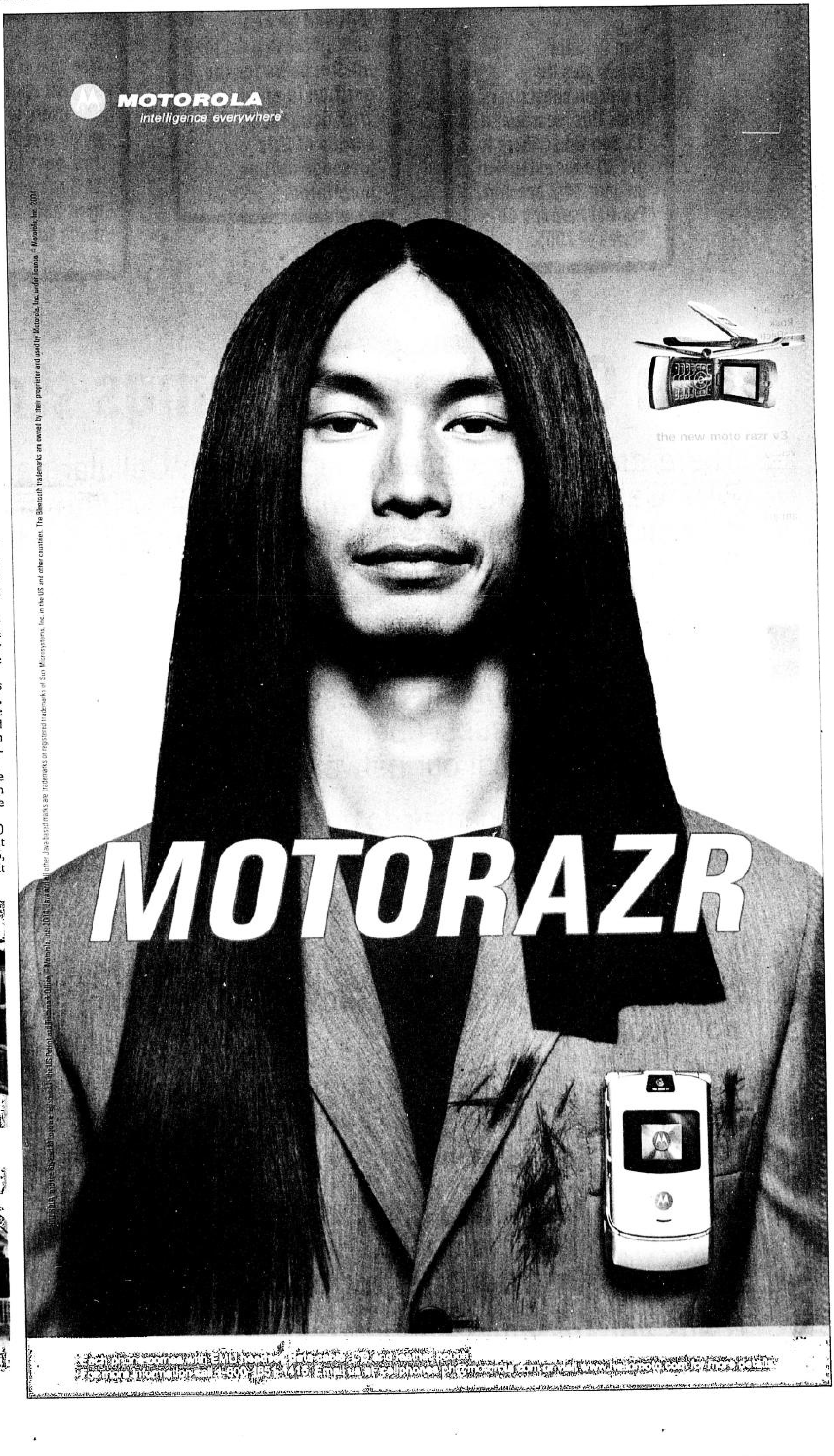

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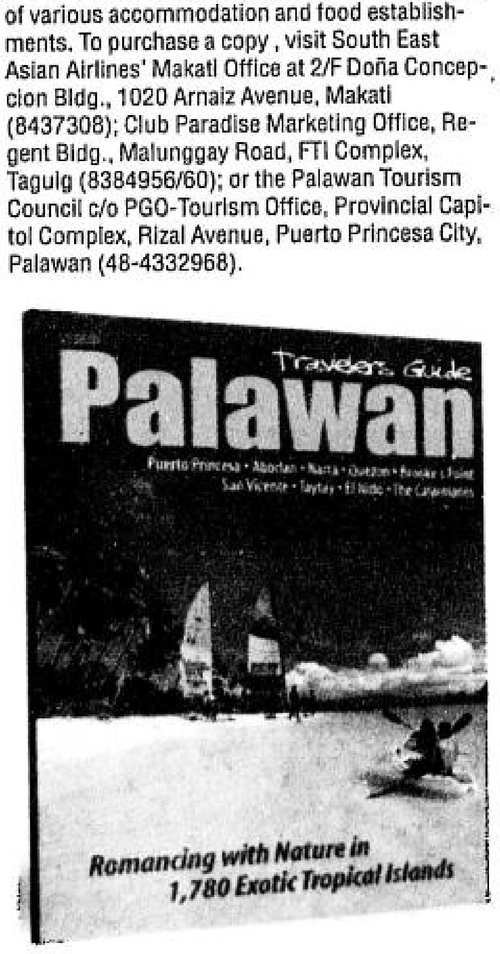

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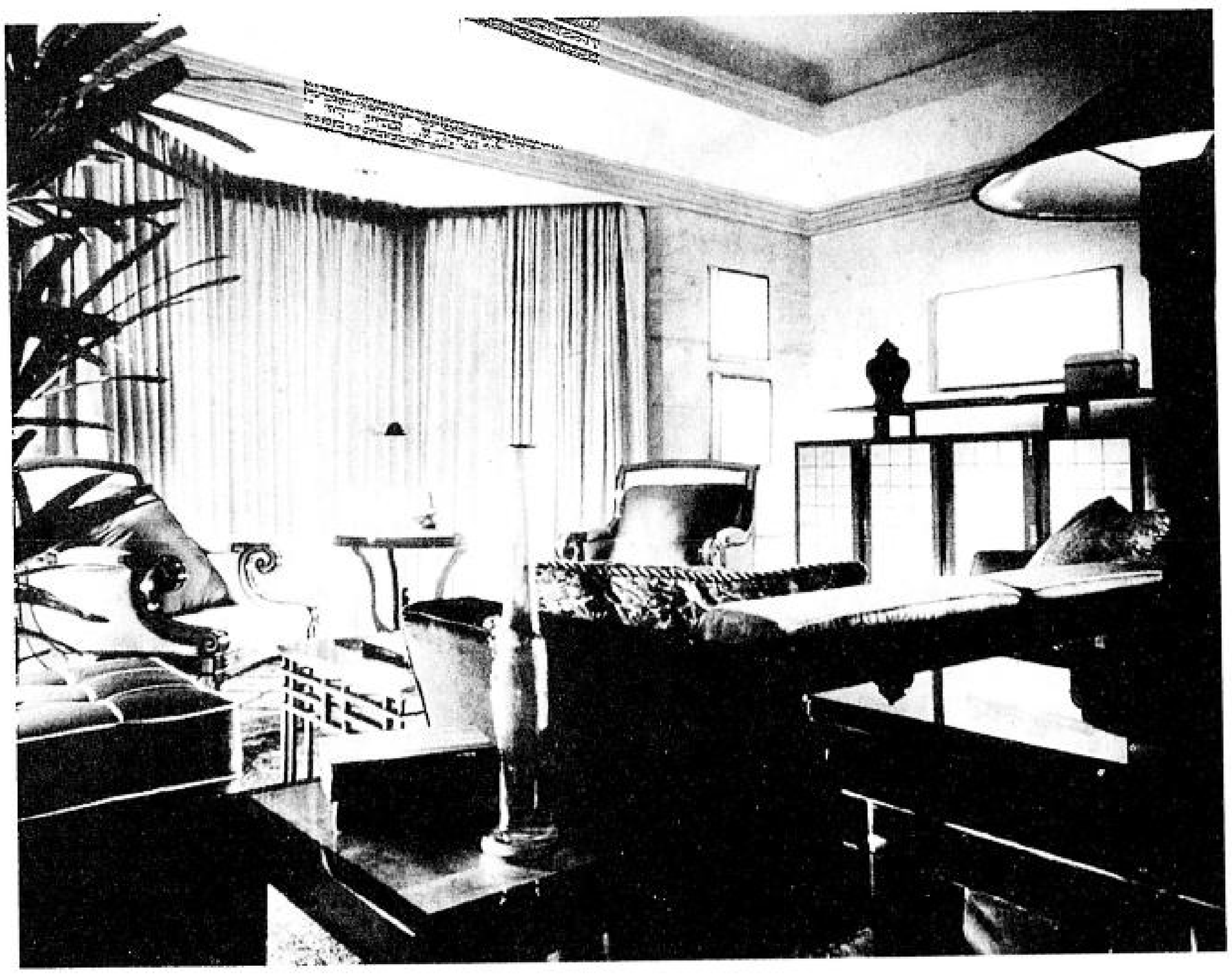
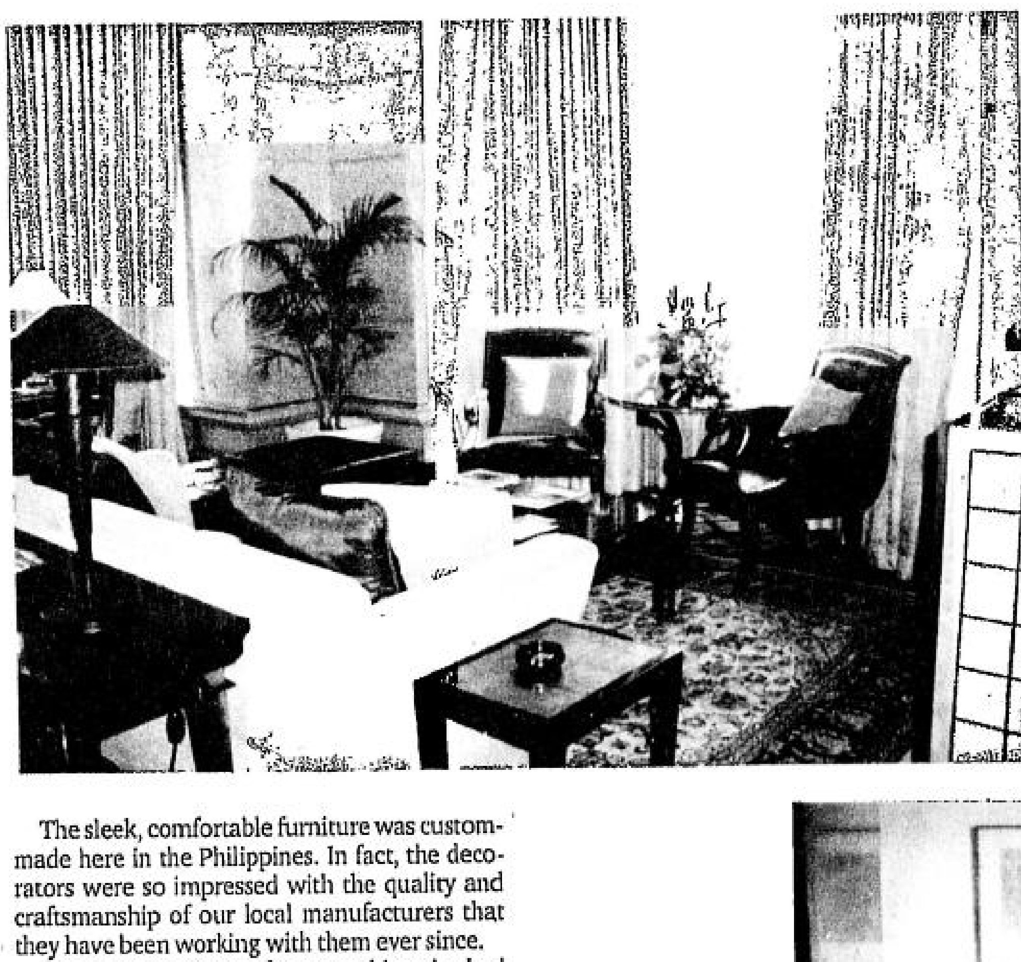
But it is the Presidential Suites at Manila Diamond Hotel that are by far the best in all of Manila. This is where the Prime Minister of Japan resides when in the country. Prime Ministers who have stayed in this suite are Junichiro Koizumi, Keizo Obuchi and Ryutaro Hashimoto.

The 210-sq-m suite is a sprawling abode with numerous rooms, including a master bedroom with a walk-in closet, study room, living room, dining area, pantry and two bathrooms. An adjoining extra bedroom can be also be accommodated.

Interior design was done by the prestigious Hirsch and Bedner of Los Angeles, California, USA. In Asia, they also designed the Ritz Carlton hotels in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Japan, and the Four Seasons Singapore.



LIVING AREA of the presidential suite designed by the Los Angeles-based Hirsch and Bedner, the same creative team behind the Ritz Carlton hotels in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Japan



DIAMOND Club Executive Lounge, where members enjoy complimentary coffee and tea service, breakfast, cocktails and special concierge services

The sleek, comfortable furniture was custom-made here in the Philippines. In fact, the decorators were so impressed with the quality and craftsmanship of our local manufacturers that they have been working with them ever since.

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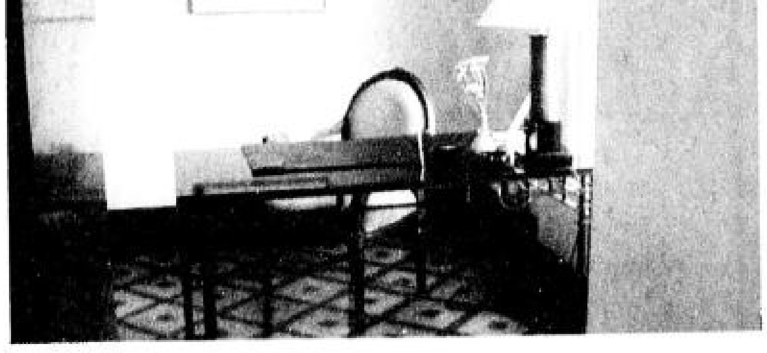

ROOM with a view. The study contains a mini library, television and VHS player, not to mention a view of the bay.

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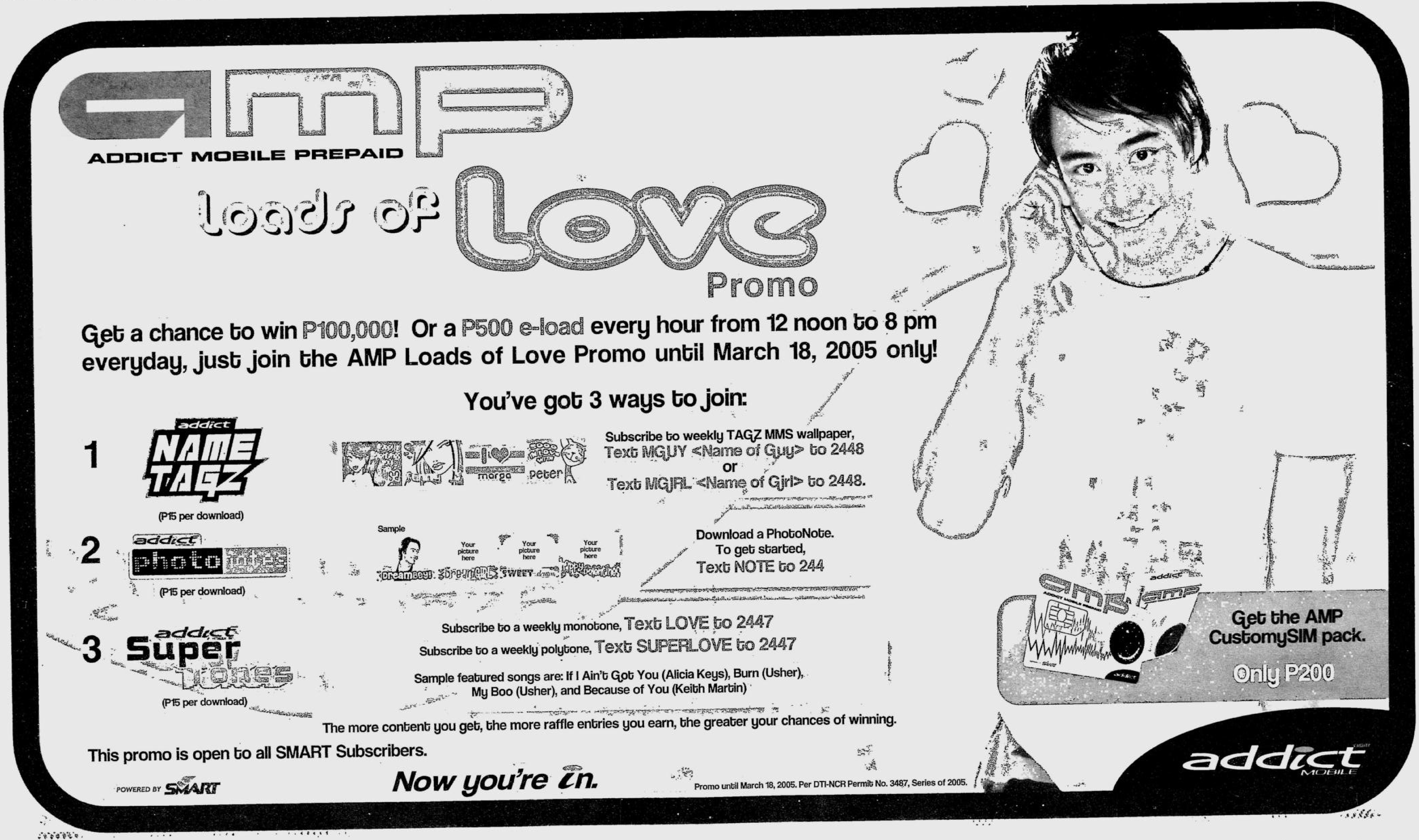

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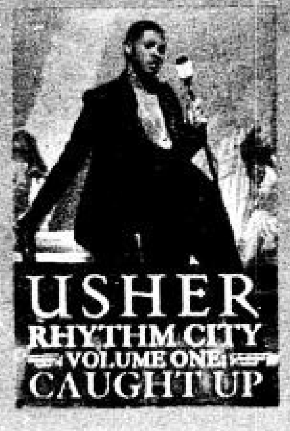

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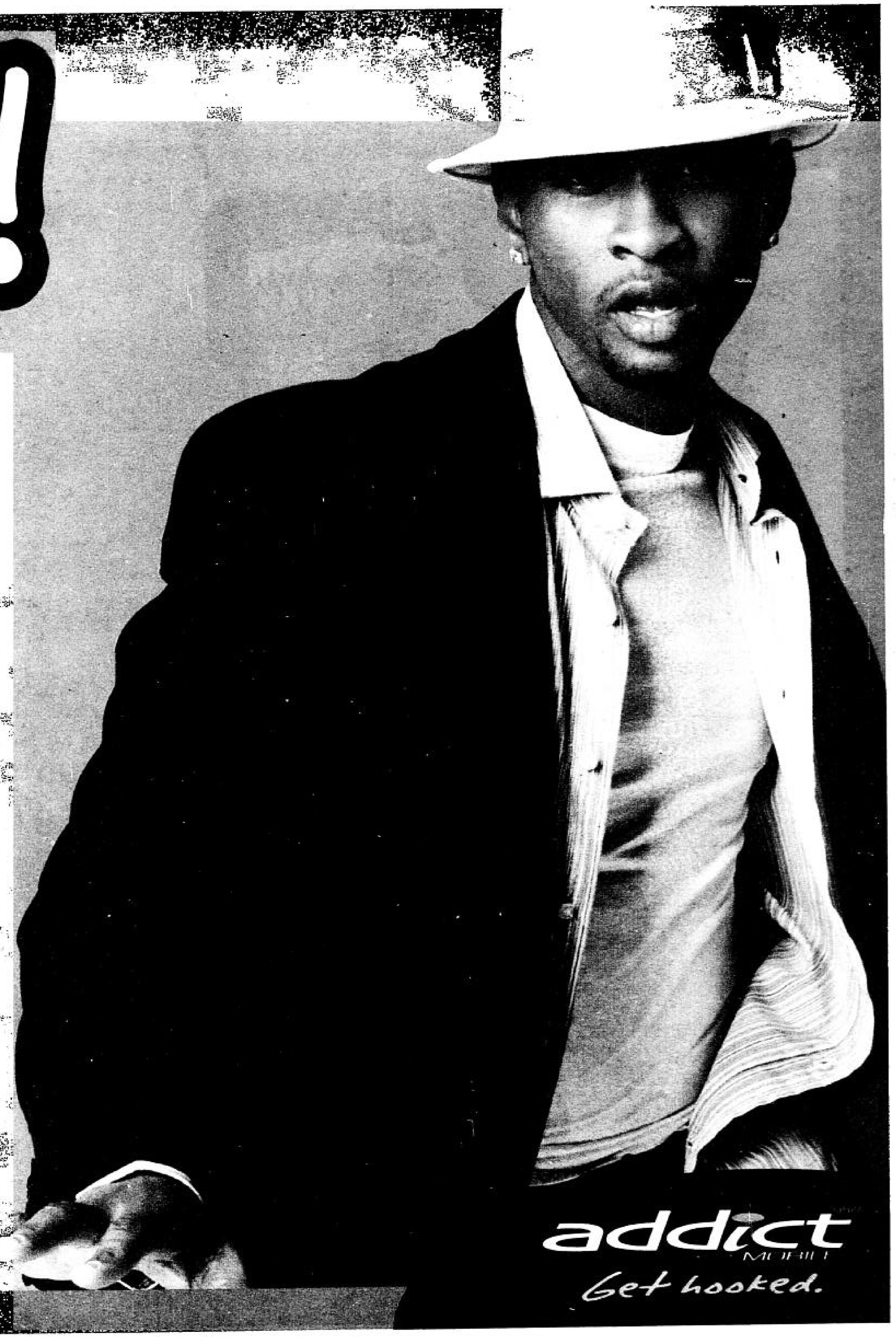

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Design without borders

A resort-style house in Punta Fuego, Batangas, has been cited by the American Institute of Architects, a first for the Philippines

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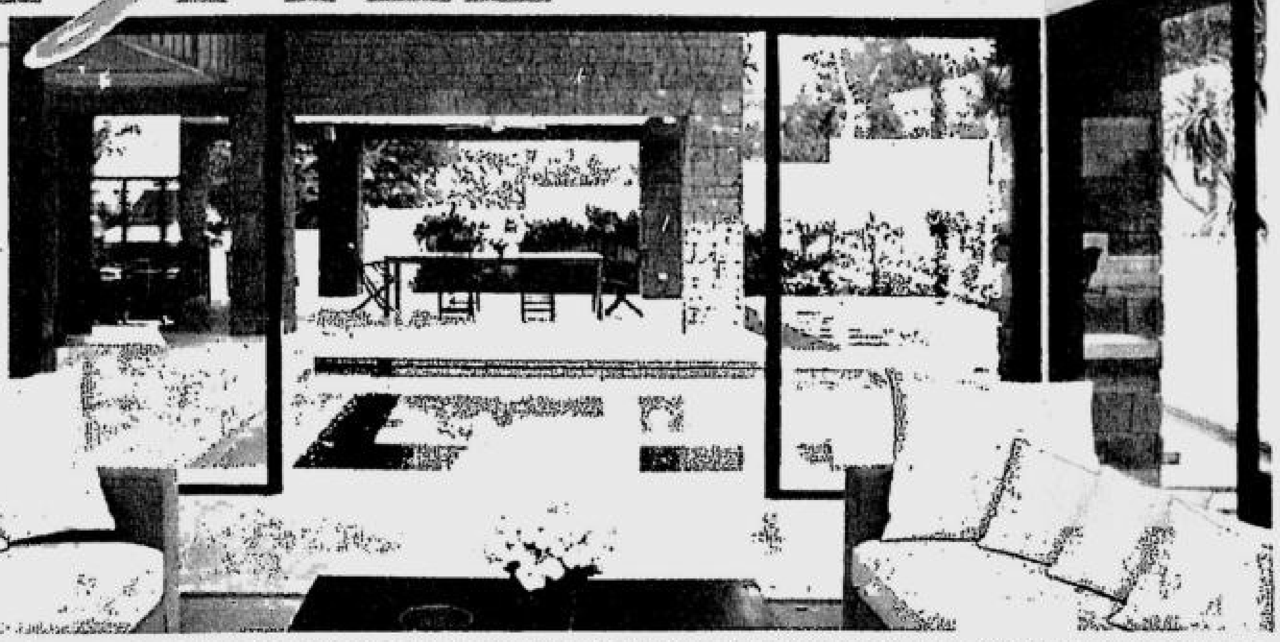

A BALINESE-INSPIRED plunge pool separates the living room from the dining area. Glass panels and the absence of walls allow the outside in and make the house look bigger than it actually is.

WHEN their architect failed to live up to expectations, this couple fired him and hired Anna Sy and Jason Chi of C/S Design Consultancy.

"As soon as my wife and I sat down with them to discuss the project," says the husband, a management consultant who worked for 14 years abroad before returning home for good, "we knew immediately we've found the right architects. They asked the right questions."

The couple's decision to change architects was proven right when the American Institute of Architects (AIA) recently cited their two-story, three-bedroom weekend home in Punta Fuego, Batangas.

Philippine-born Sy and her Korean-American partner are members of AIA. They still maintain an office in Connecticut run by Chai, while Sy is based in Manila (tel. 8930555), as she oversees projects in Asia.

While not a few US-based architectural firms regularly submit entries to AIA in the hopes of getting a citation, it was the first time the pair submitted an entry to the award-giving body. To Sy's knowledge, it was also the first time a project in the Philippines got the AIA's nod.

"It's an award given by our colleagues, so it's very important," says Sy. "The house gave a feeling of not having borders, which judges found interesting. Since the property is relatively small, it was important to find a way to make its occupants connected with exterior spaces, which they felt we've achieved."

Sy and Chai did this by making the courtyard, half of which features a shallow, Balinese-inspired plunge pool, one of the house's focal points. The body of water is located in between the living room and dining area.

"We don't have enough space for a big pool," says the husband. "Besides, people who have pools rarely swim in them. They just usually take a quick dip to cool off."

The duo then made abundant use of floor-to-ceiling glass doors and windows, among other devices, to allow natural light and the outside in. Sparse furniture pieces and art works in white, black and shades of earth complement the architects' efforts to impart living spaces, including the library, with an illusion of more space.

"Since Filipinos move like tribes, I've noticed that not a few beach houses are built for 15 or more people," the husband observes. "We decided that this isn't going to be the case in this house."

But he made sure that the household staff has adequate and comfortable living quarters. To allow for privacy, their helpers' two bedrooms and kitchen are hidden from view below the first floor.

It's anything but basement living, however, as the place comes with its own doors and windows. They were able to do this, as the structure is built on a sloping lot.

Contemporary Asian

The architecture is certainly modern, but the look and sensibility it exudes is contemporary Asian. It's devoid of any color save for white that not only complements the beige sandstone floor, but also contrasts with the dark gray adobe walls and tiled roof.

Cable TV is one thing the couple can do without, but the husband had one installed to quell their 9-year-old daughter's frequent complaints. Piped-in music is confined to the first floor, but he feels that their days of shared listening pleasure are now numbered.

"Our daughter's taste in music is beginning to diverge from ours," he says in amusement. "To solve the problem, I plan to buy her an i-Pod."

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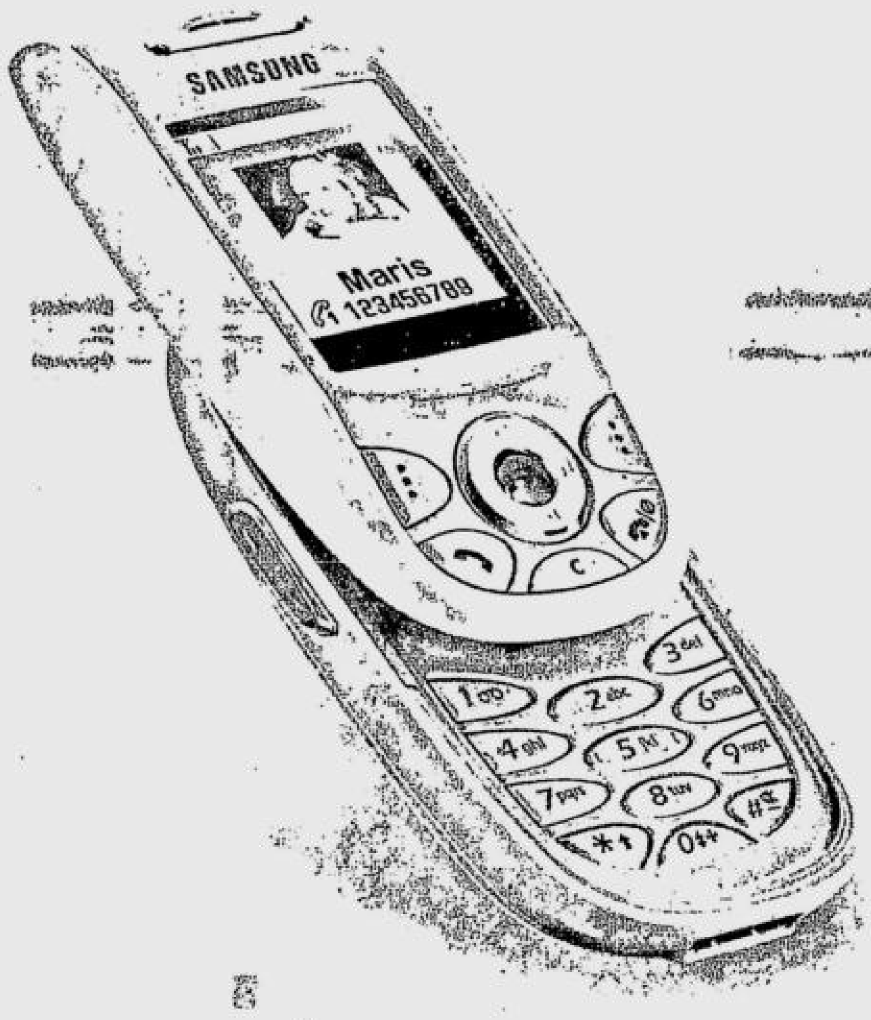

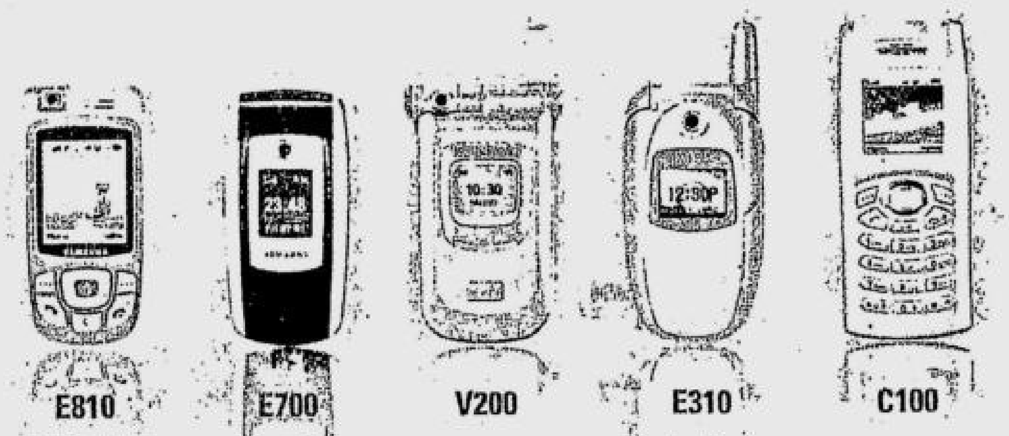

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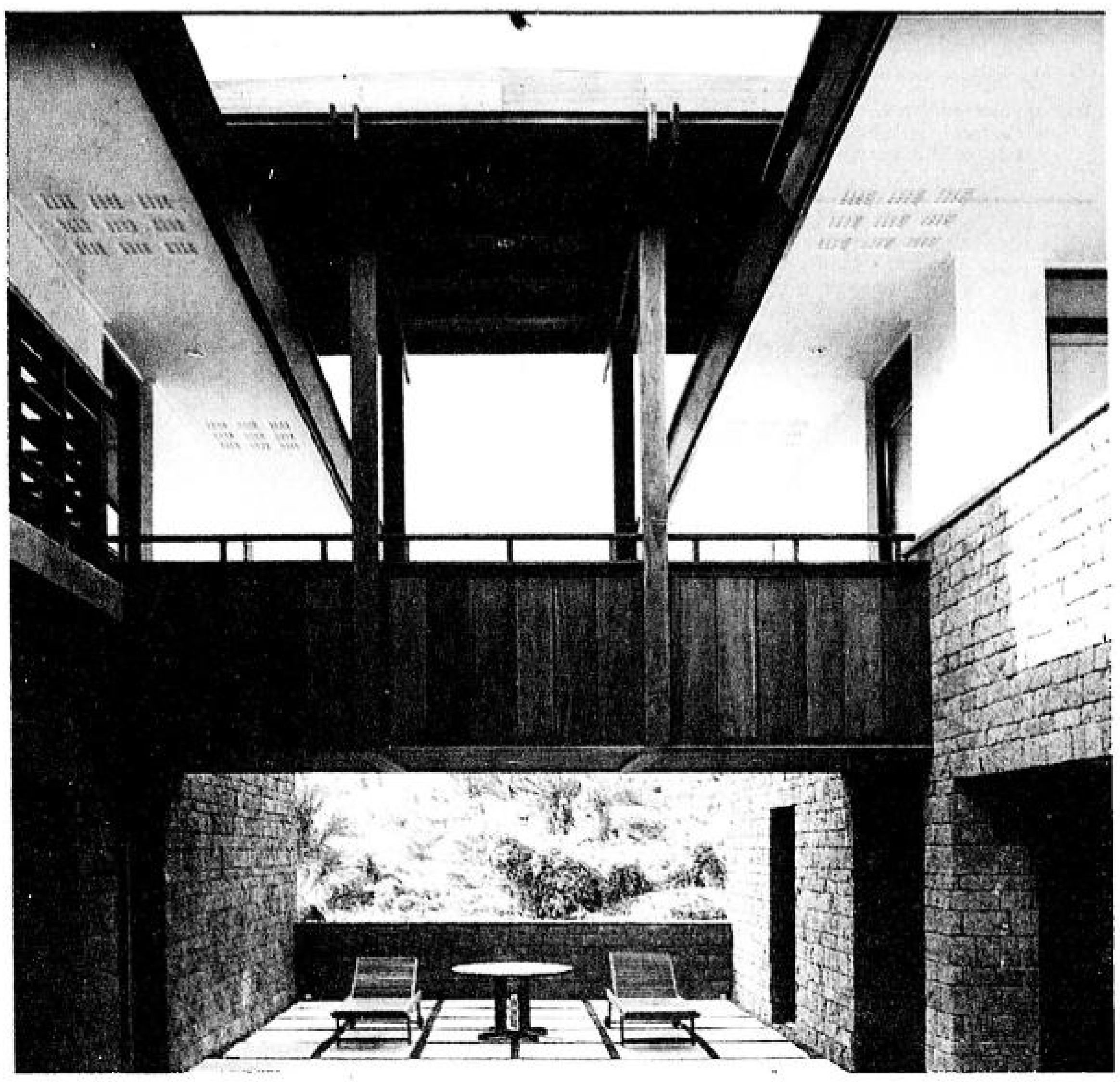
WHITE and grayish-black adobe make for an interesting constrast, while imparting a contemporary Asian look to the house.



"DOUBLE House" is an apt name, thanks to the wooden bridge. The daughter was far from pleased with the bridge when she was little, as she had to cross it from her bedroom to reach her parents in the master bedroom on the other side.

Design without borders

From page I1

A wooden bridge that spans the courtyard above connects two smaller bedrooms, one of which belongs to the daughter, with the bigger master bedroom and shaded veranda on the second floor. The husband gets his regular massage here.

Since one section is almost a mirror image of the other in terms of space, the house virtually looks like two structures from certain angles. But despite the compartmentalized lay out, each area managed to look integrated with one another thanks to the abundant use of sliding glass panels and, in the case of the dining room that parallels the living room, the absence of walls.

Weather-resistant teak furniture pieces from Indonesia blend with the rustic, no-frills look, while concrete pavers and pebbles add a modern feel to the courtyard.

Some people would probably freak out with such as an open-air setup, says the husband, but al fresco dining works for them except during extremely windy or stormy days.

Adjacent to the dining area is an enclosed, well-equipped and modern kitchen, where the husband indulges in his passion for cooking. White and steel dominate the kitchen save for the "funky-colored" cabinets.

Crazy for crabs

Like most areas in the house, the kitchen is air conditioned—a concession to the wife. But the husband can choose to open all the glass windows and doors to feel as if he were cooking outside. His specialty? Chili crabs that the family and their guests eat with gusto on tablecloths made of clean, disposable paper.

Even the family's staff wear made-to-order T-shirts with a small crab figure embroidered on the left side of the chest.

The husband shares his love for cooking with fellow foodies through his personal website (www.marketmanila.com).

"My Viking stove is my baby," he says. "It's something I've always dreamed of buying ever since I could remember. It's more important to me than my car."

"Double House," an apt name given by AIA members to Sy and Chai's work, was also the only structure abroad cited this year in a field of institutional, commercial and residential projects in the US, most of them in the East Coast.

As the couple was going through the association's website, they had a good laugh as they went down the list and noticed the houses credited to such families as the Smiths, the Dawsons, etc. That was until they came to the lone finalist from the Philippines whose owners weren't even identified.

It was the family's wish that its identity remains anonymous. Winning an award didn't change all that, or did it?

"In hindsight, this is probably one time we could have allowed them to reveal our names," says the husband with a hearty chuckle.

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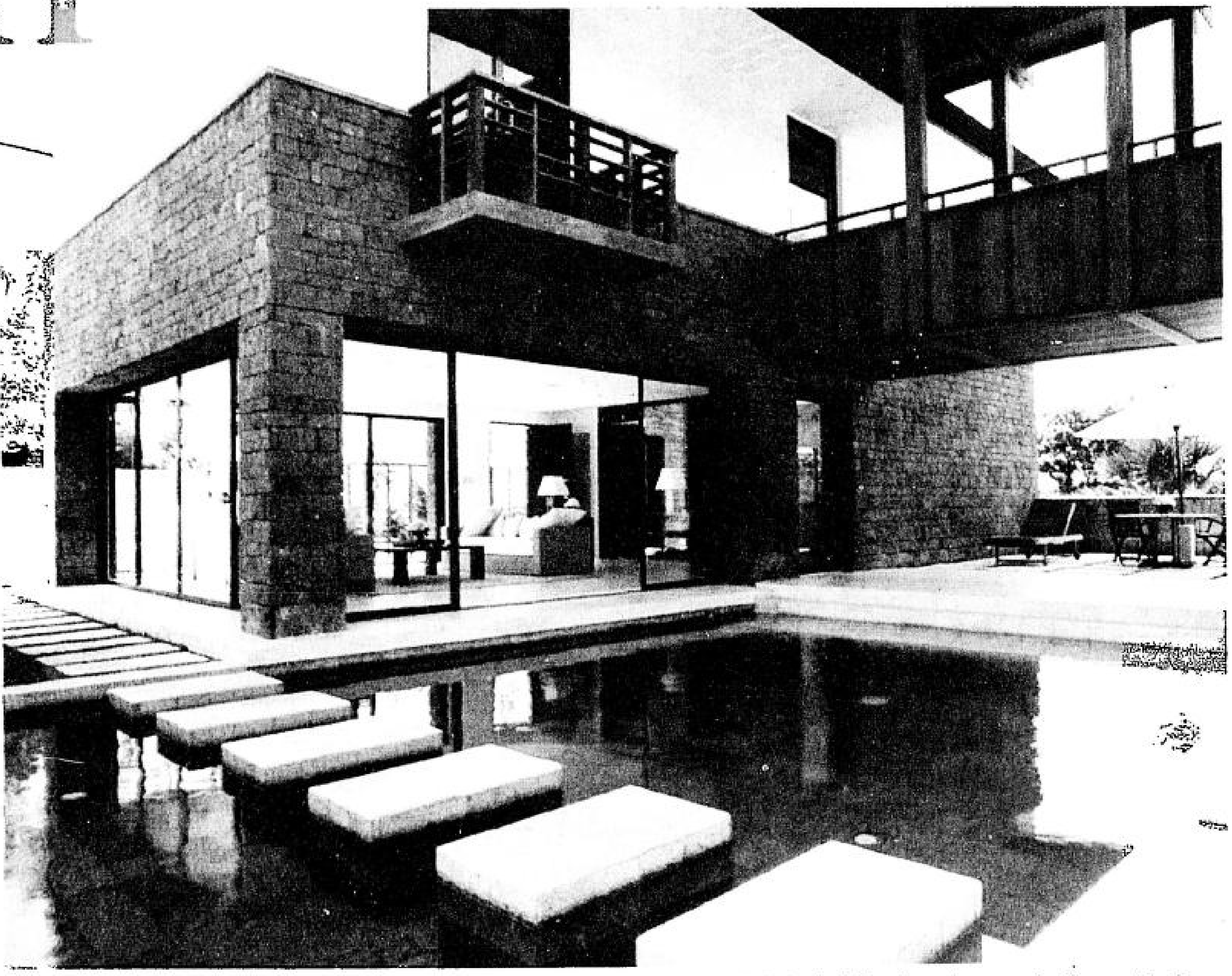
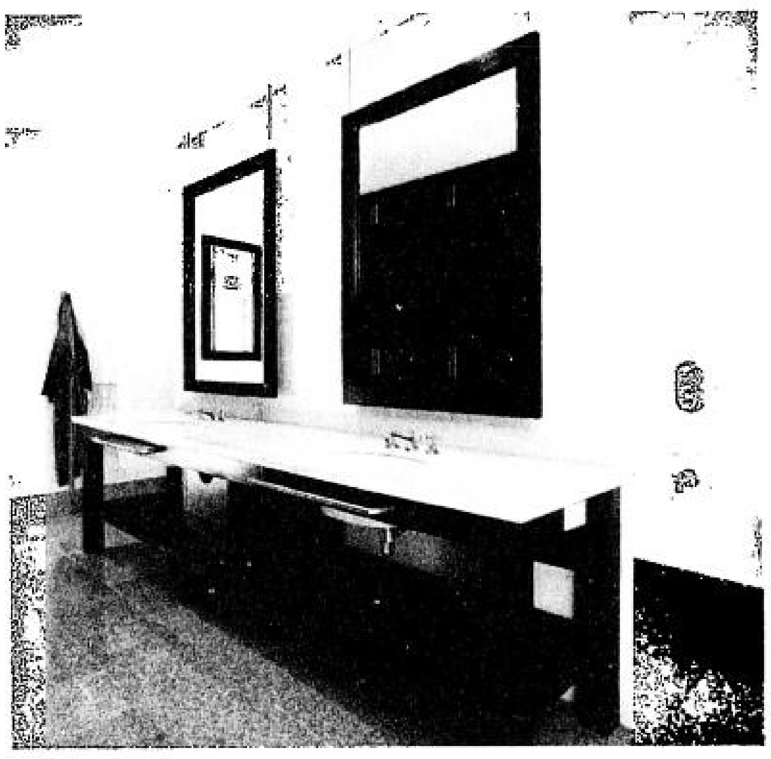
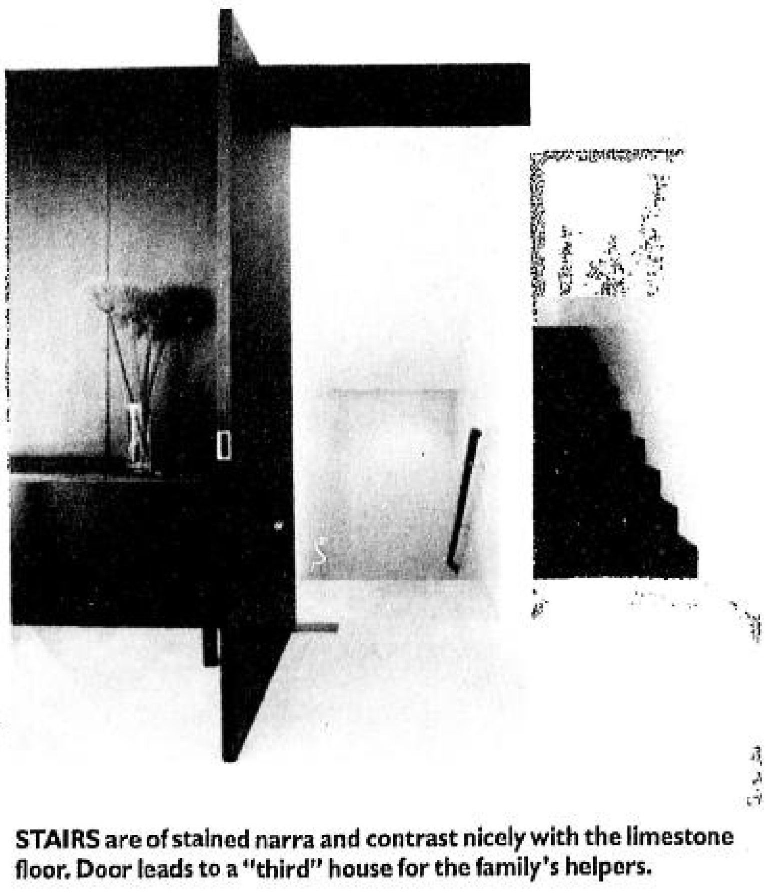


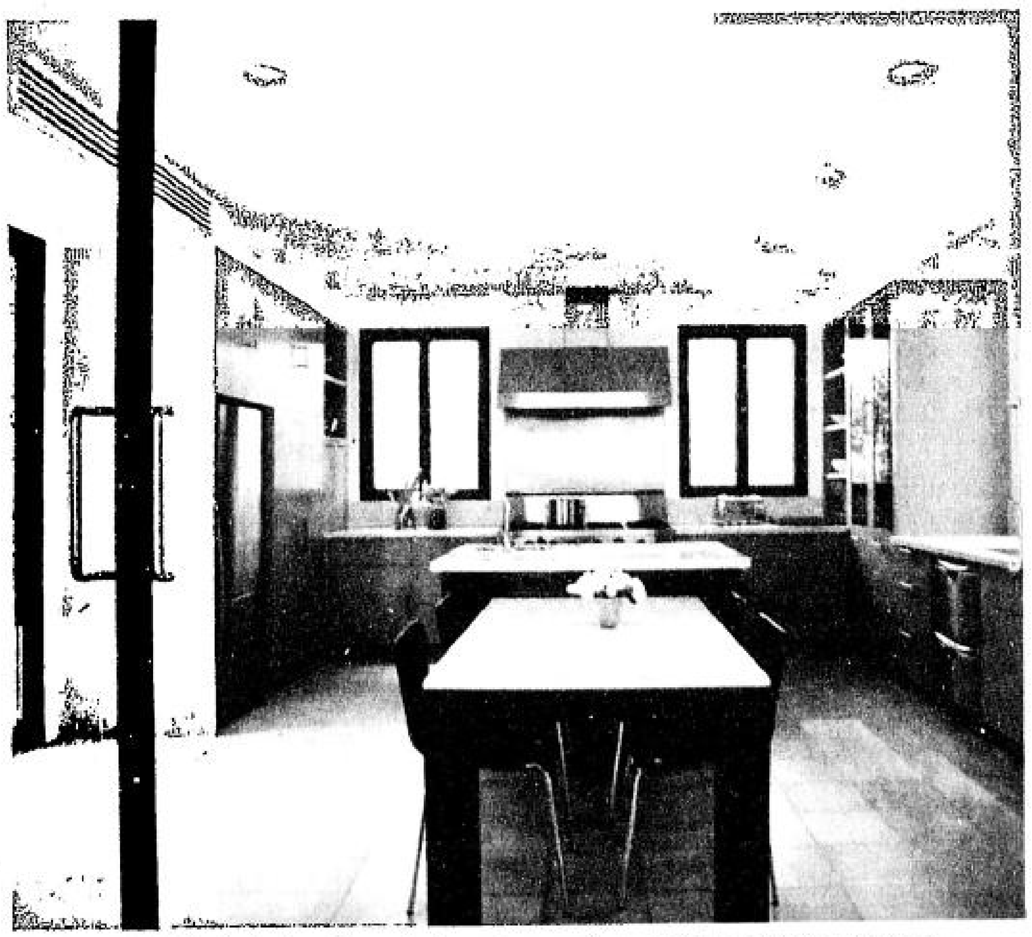
CONCRETE pavers spill over to the pool and give the property a modern yet minimalist Asian feel. Furniture pieces made of unvarnished tealwood are exposed to the elements to give them a more weathered look.



PART of the huge master bathroom with double entrances sans doors. A spacious and posh bathroom is one feature the husband cannot do without.



STAIRS are of stained narra and contrast nicely with the limestone floor. Door leads to a "third" house for the family's helpers.



THE KITCHEN is the husband's workshop where such amenities as a Viking stove and marble-topped counters can be found. Specialty of the house: succulent chili crabs!

Haribon flexes its muscle

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

HARIBON Foundation may turn to sports and games when it simply wants to call attention to its wildlife conservation projects. But when problems begin to hover dangerously near for anyone's comfort, it makes a tough stand.

That's the Haribon I saw on Feb. 3 as it marched in full force around some areas in Makati. It was a peaceful march, but its object was clear. Haribon called for a 30-year moratorium on commercial logging and mining, and asked the government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to make it happen.

Specifically, it called for the immediate cancellation of permits like Timber License Agreements and suspension of existing socialized and integrated forest management agreements in natural forests. It also wanted the issuance of mining permits stopped and all existing ones canceled.

Calamities that have occurred one after the other in this and other countries point to the need for such measures.

One million signatures

To show that their action is a concerted effort by people from different sectors, Haribon is gathering a million signatures in a campaign called "Boto Para sa Inang Bayan." The signature campaign was launched right after the march in a meeting at the New World Hotel in Makati where, incidentally, a mining group was also meeting.

Present at the launch were members of the academe, like Angelina Galang of Miriam-PEACE and Ester Pacheco of the Ateneo University Press; environmental groups like Concerned Citizens against Pollution (Cocap) represented by founder Ester V. Perez de Tagle and Dennis Oba of the Foundation for Philippine Environment; church leaders like Bishop Julio Xavier Labayen of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Bishop Jose Manguiran of the Diocese of Dipolog (representing 63 bishops from all over the country), "running priest" Fr. Robert Reyes, and other religious active in environmental work like Sr. Aida Velasquez, OSB, of *Lingkod-Tao Kalikasan*.

Show biz personalities were present as well, among them Ricky Davao who is fast becoming a familiar figure in civic and environmental events; and Roy Alvarez of the Sanib-Lakas sa Inang Kalikasan. Indigenous tribes were represented, and several nongovernment organizations like the Pamana Ka Sa Pilipinas whose president, Leonardo Tirburcio, a fisherman of Masinloc, Zambales, says though his group is in the fishing industry, it still wants to join the campaign. He adds that they act as watchdogs of 122 marine sites, his organization being part of a network of 65,000 similarly-tasked NGOs around the country.

Never again

To stress the urgent need to conserve our forests through a ban on logging and mining operations, Haribon recalled the tragic incidents that caused so much destruction in the past decade and should not be allowed to recur.

The disasters made headlines when they happened and the mining companies concerned were well identified so we have not bothered to mention their names here. Enough that we know what happened.

In 1996, a cement plug in the base of a tailing pit in a Marinduque mine burst open, pouring poisonous waste into the Boac River, killing fish and other aquatic life. Today, it is said, the river is still filled with waste and the metals in the silt are generating acids. Clearly, that community and its environs have been devastated. The mining company's foreign partner left the country following those catastrophes, claiming it was not responsible.

Reports have it that they're back. We hope we heard wrong.

In 1999, a municipality within a mining site in Benguet suffered the same fate as Boac. Mine tailings flowed to the Apaoan Creek from that mine, contaminating the water with heavy metals. Though this was reported to the authorities nothing was done.

The saddest part of the incident was that the people in the place, mostly indigenous, could no longer use the creek which had long been the source of their drinking water.

Wrong policies

What does all this show? That we are following the wrong economic policies. It has been said that the solution would be to demand stricter, more sustainable logging and mining systems. But, as has been pointed out, in mining, there is no way you can be sustainable.

Once you dig up the earth, begin to extract underground, you can't return it to its former state. In the case of our forests, our loggers have never learned their lessons from companies abroad where they have what is called industrial tree plantations. These are maintained to replenish the trees that have been cut. So the timber industry never shuts down.

But perhaps our local loggers want only to make a fast buck. Keeping industrial tree plantations is too hard, too time-consuming. And mentioning it now may even be too late.

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Annual orchid show opens Feb. 29

THE PHILIPPINE Orchid Society will hold its 59th Annual Orchid and Garden show Feb. 25-March 7 at the Orchidarium Park, City Hall Complex, Diliman, Quezon City.

Guests of honor are Senate President Franklin Drilon and his wife, Mila. Other special guests are officials of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Quezon City government.

The event, with the theme "Orchid Fair," will showcase the nation's most beautiful orchids in form, color and substance.

Awards will be given to extraordinary orchid specimens. Winners will get trophies, ribbons and cash prizes. Categories are: Best in Show, Best Philippine Species, Best Philippine Hybrid, Best Cattleya, Best Dendrobium, Best Oncidium, Best Phaphiopedilum, Best Phalaenopsis, Best Vandaceous, Best Foreign Species, Best Other Genera, Best Cultured Plant and Best Orchid Landscape Exhibit.

Free daily lectures will be conducted everyday from 2 p.m.: Landscape Your Garden with Orchid, Feb. 25, Mody C. Maglicmot; Potential of Mutation Irradiation, Feb. 26, Fernando Aurigue; Wedding Bouquet-making Using Orchids, Feb. 27, Wilhelm G. Ortaliz; Traditional vs Innovative Orchid Culture, Feb. 28, Norberto R. Bautista; Monopodial Orchid Culture, March 1, Carlos Valariano C. Lazaro; Orchid Species Culture, March 2, Kelvin Neil B. Manubay; Growing Orchid for Cutflowers, March 3, Jose Mari Lacandula; Caring for Orchid Seedlings from Flasks, March 4, Rodolfo Pagcatipunan; Sympodial Orchid Culture, March 5, Innocencio Cudal; Compost for Orchids and Flowering Ornamentals, March 6, Raymundo Lucero; and Hybridization of Philippine Orchid Species, March 7, Andres S. Golamco Jr.

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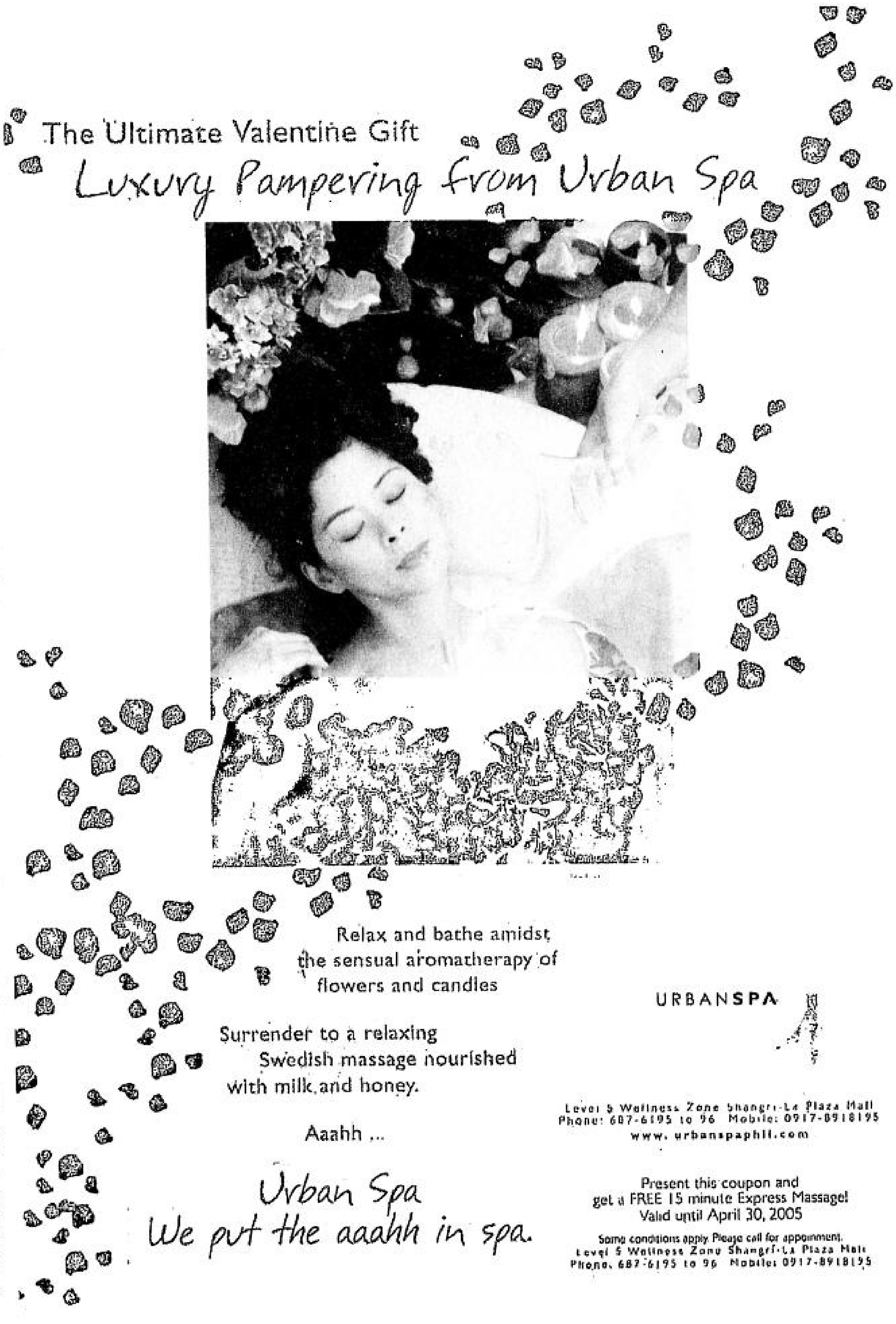

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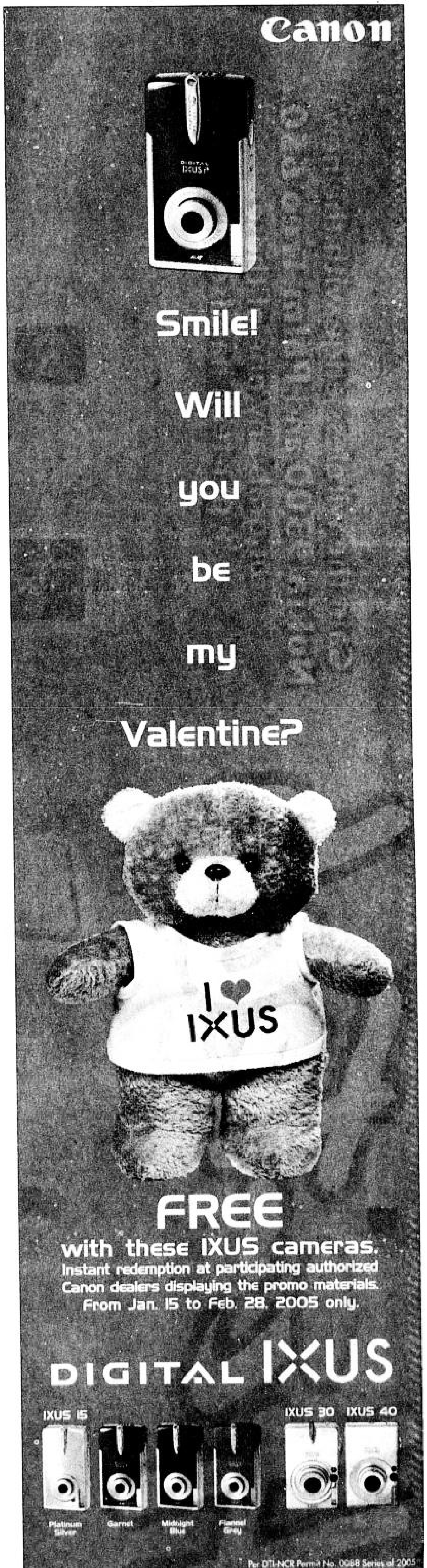

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JUSTICE League team at the Ayala Malls

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FOR THE FIRST time ever, Justice League team members–Wonder Woman, the Flash, the Green Lantern, Hawk Girl and Martian Manhunter–will be appearing live in the Philippines at the Ayala Malls.

The well-loved Justice League was popularized by DC Comics and in countless TV shows and movies. Although each member possesses his and her own strengths, it is by working together that the Justice League is able to beat the most ruthless and scheming super-villains.

Wonder Woman was born as Diana, an Amazon princess from the island of Themyscira. The gods blessed her with amazing speed and strength and the power of flight. She has the aristocratic bearing of a goddess.

The Flash is otherwise known as Wally West; young, brash and impulsive. He is the fastest man alive, able to reach near-light speed, and is also quick-witted, taking a lighthearted view to saving the universe.

As the Green Lantern, John Stewart is possessed of a hard-nosed military attitude. He is a member of the Green Lantern Corps, an intergalactic peacekeeping force armed with power rings. The power ring responds to the Green Lantern's thoughts, projecting powerful laser-like beams or impenetrable force fields.

Hawkgirl is Shayera Hol, a detective in her native planet of Thanagar. She has the power of flight, lethal hand-to-hand combat skills and the ability to communicate with birds. Her immense powers of observation also prove very useful in protecting her adopted planet, Earth.

The green-skinned Martian Manhunter, named J'Onn J'Onzz, is the last survivor of an ancient race from Mars. He is a telepath who uses his shape-shifting abilities to blend into any situation. He can also alter his physical density, allowing him to pass through solid objects.

They are scheduled to wow kids aged 1-101 at the Glorietta Activity Center on Feb. 17, 6 p.m.; Feb. 18, 6 p.m.; Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.; Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

There will be a meet-and-greet event at the Glorietta 2 lobby on Feb. 22, 5 p.m.; Alabang Town Center Activity Center on Feb. 25, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.; Feb. 26, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.; Feb. 27, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.; and at the cinemas on Feb. 28, 4 p.m., 6 p.m.; Ayala Center Cebu Activity Center on March 4, 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; March 5, 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; and March 6, 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

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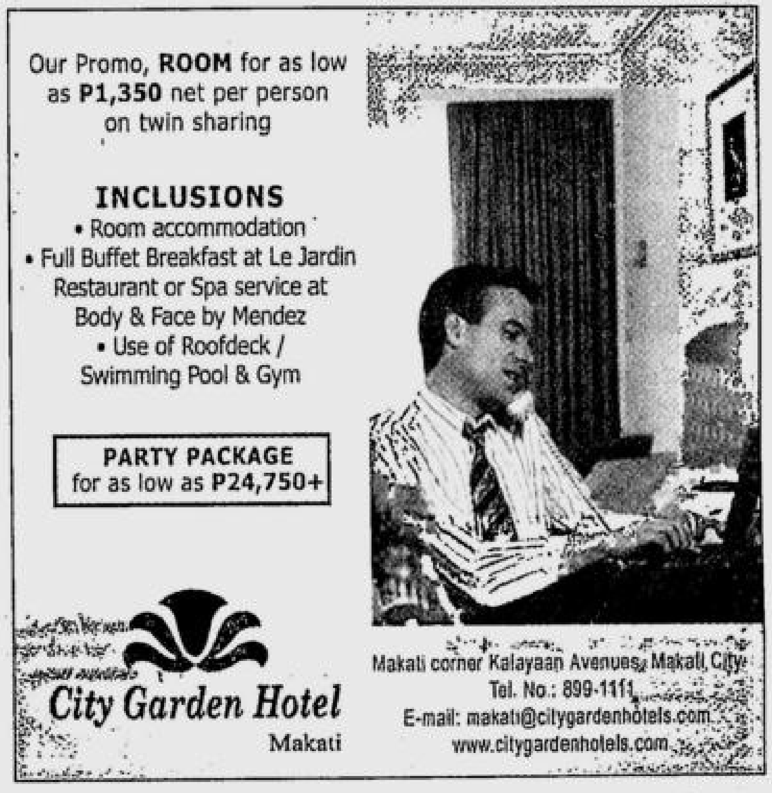
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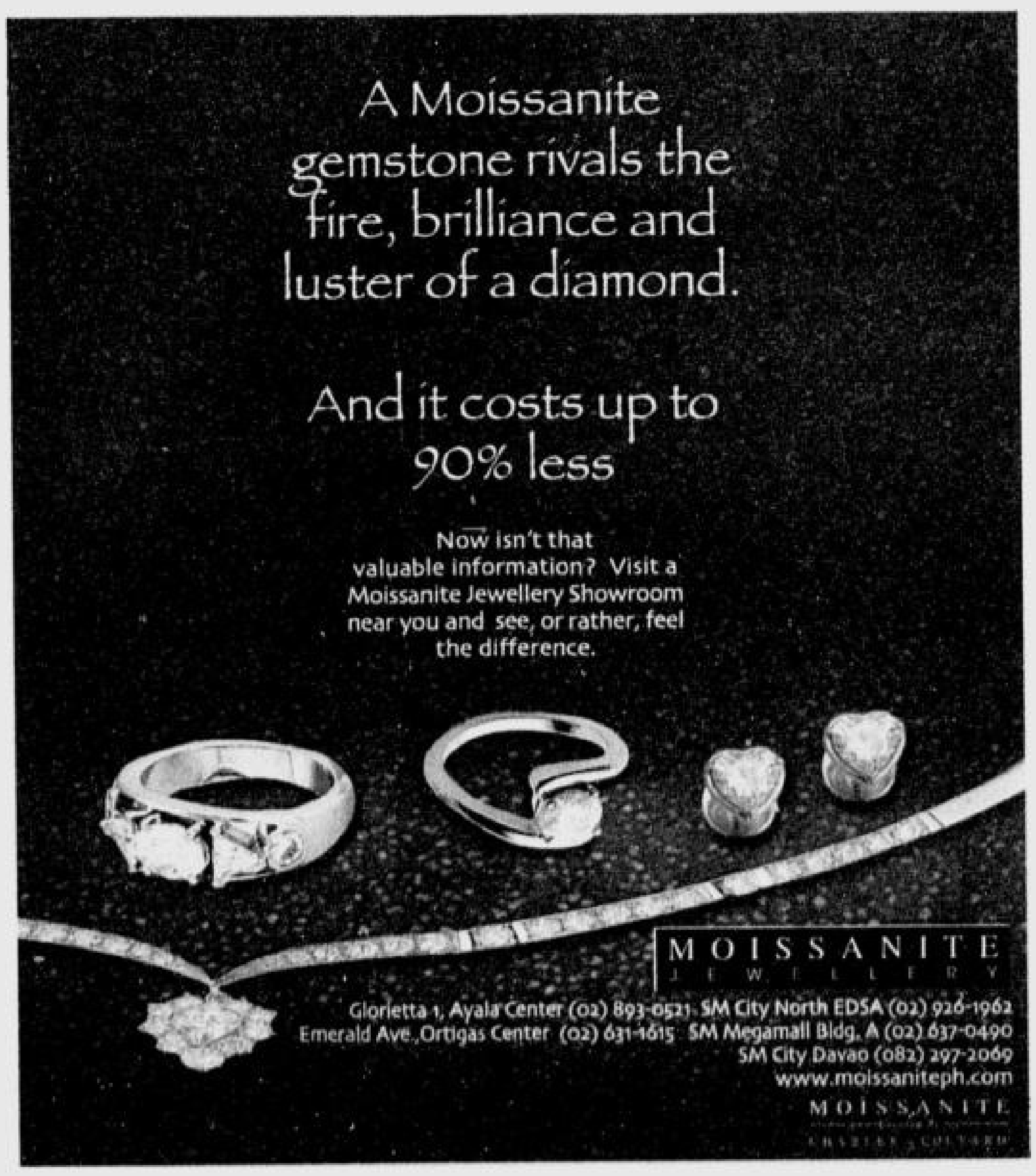
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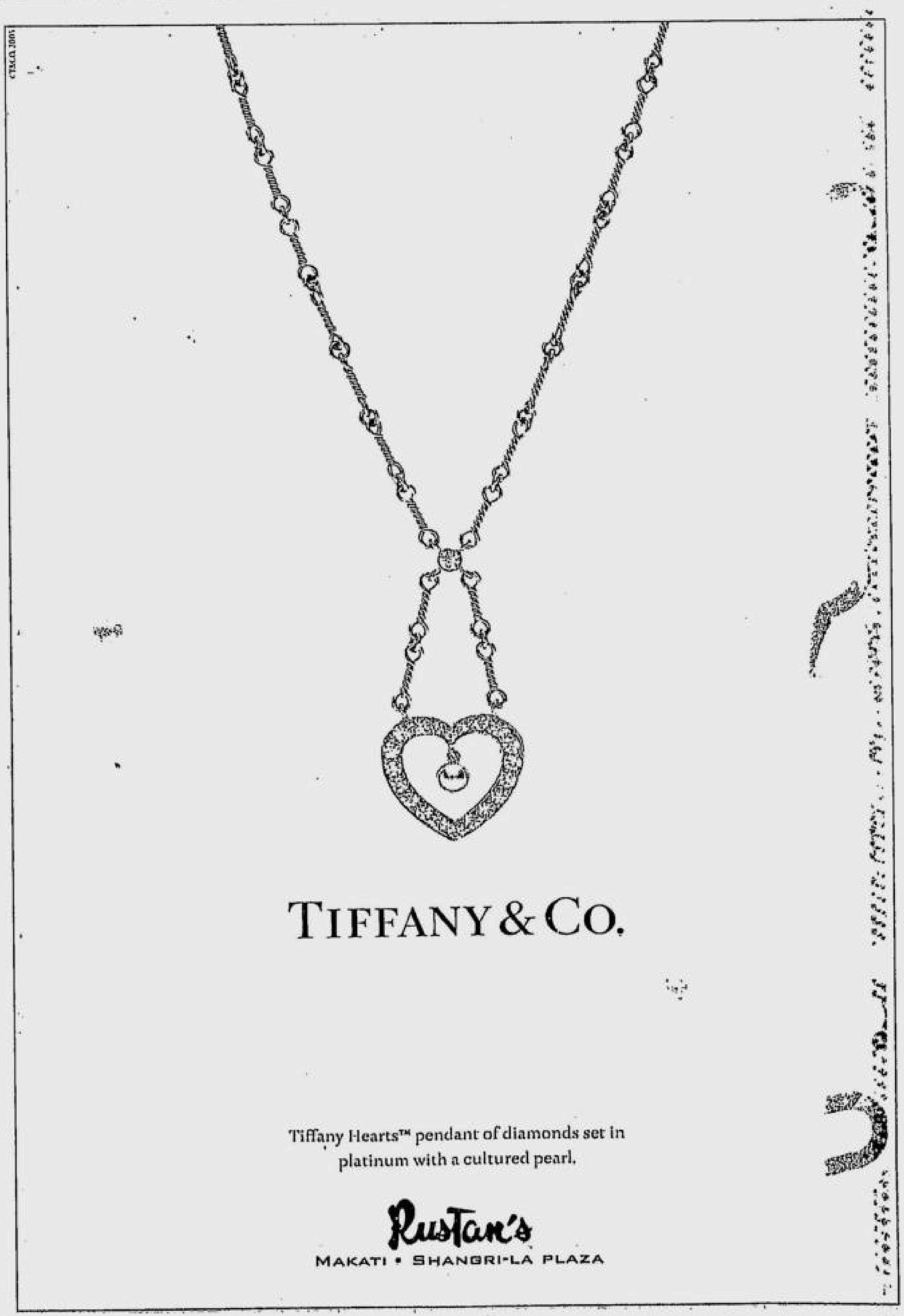
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TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

HOW do I love thee? Let me count the ways." Being a hopeless romantic in this fast-paced world of technology, I am still passionate about handwritten love letters inscribed with sweet nothings. Possibly because I am pregnant, I am even more sentimental these days. I cried buckets watching "Shall We Dance," like in that scene where Richard Gere emerges from the escalator to hand a rose to his wife.

Curiously though, Valentine's Day is at the bottom of the list of occasions my husband **Dennis** and I still celebrate by ourselves. Perhaps after being married over 10 years, love now involves having all the kids in tow, plus the rest of our close-knit family. Though romance might be hidden in the air, our Valentine's celebrations of late have been watching concerts or attending the Golden Tee dinner at Manila Golf (somehow always timed by the club to end on Cupid's Night!)

The concert scene is in full swing this Valentine's season. It is amazing how producers concoct various combinations of artists to successfully market a sold-out concert. Clever examples include two divas (**Pops Fernandez** and **Regine Velasquez**), talented performers with generous hearts (**Gary Valenciano** and **Zsa Zsa Padilla** on Feb. 14 and 15 at Le Pavilion) and singers from yesteryear revived for the occasion (**Rico J. Puno**) teaming up with bombshells (Viva Hot Babes).

Astounding Russell Watson

The only concert I caught was the astounding performance of **Russell Watson** at the PICC, thanks to the invitation of **Francis** and **Maryanne Lumen**. I was dateless (how romantic is that?) but held my little baby who was somehow enjoying and turning inside me, in tune to his melodious operatic voice.

The San Miguel Philharmonic and Master Chorale gave exceptional performances as well. I spoke to the concert's British conductor, Sir **William Hayward**, after the show and he told me that babies do have the capacity to comprehend music while still inside the womb and they become familiar to music they hear before they are born. I will make sure to continue listening to Russell's music so my baby will not be as frustrated a singer as I am.

I was dateless because Dennis, who was in a helicopter crash last month, still has three more weeks of recuperation left before he can stand. Meanwhile, I perform my nursing duties. I also decided to shop for an ideal Valentine's present. Veering from the traditional roses and chocolates, I am wracking my brains trying to express my love in the most unique fashion. I can't get him the latest golf clubs since he won't be able play for at least four months.

Luckily, several new shops have recently opened in time for discerning yet confused consumers like me. At the opening of the Tiffany & Co. boutique in the Shangri-La Plaza Mall, I was amazed at the variety of items they carry. Aside from the usual Tiffany jewelry, their product range includes crystals, dinnerware, picture frames, business-card holders and money clips.

From their signature, baby-blue-shaded, classy invitation to the tent-like setup in the middle of the mall to the beautiful entertainment by **Bituin Escalante**, elegance was the prevailing factor. Truly Tiffany's at its best. But since I am almost entering my final trimester, unfortunately I was more engrossed with the roast beef and the whole buffet feast deliciously catered by The Peninsula. If I can't find him a present, I will just give Dennis the lovely crystal ashtray that was a giveaway at the launch. I know he's not a smoker but fortunately, Dennis is a simple guy so anything will make him happy.

Exquisite watches

After I saw the watches of **Gerald Genta** and **Daniel Roth** at their grand dinner launch at the Rizal Ballroom at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel, I wish I had a bigger budget for my Valentine gift. The exquisite watches are among the top 10 brands in the world and each takes four or five months to complete. And with those credentials, you know that their prices are just as overwhelming. But the killer temptation is that Rafael Jewelry (in the hotel and the Shangri-La Mall) is giving a whopping discount until tomorrow to convince all the last-minute Valentine shoppers.

The full-course dinner had a racy fashion show with models in the barest white swimwear parading the watches to the packed ballroom. It was difficult to examine the watches when half-naked hunks are modeling them right in front of you. The second part had them wearing stylish men's suits all done by talented **Randy Ortiz**, so it was easier to focus on their wrists. The ladies were wearing elegant gowns from Mix and Atelier M of **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo**.

I still have until tomorrow to purchase a watch, in the unlikely event I might avail of the discount, but in the meantime, I will get Dennis delicious-smelling products from Fruits and Passion at its new shop at Greenbelt 3. Hosting the opening just last week, I was introduced to its many flavors by its Canadian director, **Caroline Biltchik**, who told me that the unique scents are also as catchy as their packaging. They even have a truffle spray so you can scent the room with simulated chef's cooking, for those men's hearts one hopes to get to through their stomachs.

Fun birthday party

I have been on a natural high since last Sunday, after the fun birthday party of my little girl **Annika**. She had most of her guests model Blush Hour outfits at a mini fashion show and was serenaded by **Kitchie Nadal**, who shot her first video in Annika's room over a year ago. Her school does not allow any of these activities so I indulged her for this celebration.

After that fun fare successfully organized by **Bangs Zaldivar**, there was a thanksgiving Sunday Mass officiated by Fr. **Ely Santos**, followed by my "Guess the Gender" party. The adult food was catered by Shakey's, including an enormous, 4-ft-diameter pizza.

All the guests wrote in their Baby Gender guesses, with 40 calling for a girl and only 14 for a boy. With all the votes tallied, I had Dennis open the sealed envelope prepared by ultrasound specialist, Dr. **Luz Tamayo**, during my latest ultrasound. As everyone crouched around Dennis, he cheerfully announced, "It's a girl!" I am having my Athena!

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Watsons wants them to look good, feel good, too

By Joel V. Nigos

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Watsons Personal Care Store is the health and beauty chain of A.S. Watsons, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong-based Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. The group operates a total of 14 retail brands with over 4,800 stores in health and beauty, food, electronics and general merchandise, airport duty-free items, and beverages including bottled water. Watsons actually existed long before Hutchison. It started in 1828 as a chemist shop in Hong Kong. In the Philippines, Watsons was establishedin 2002 and now operates 114 stores to date. It has a partnership with SM which enables it to easily penetrate the market since SM owns many malls across the country. It was also able to bring their products and other international brands to Philippine consumers. Watsons did not come in the Philippines for the first time in 2002. In 1860, it operated as a water manufacturer and chemist shop but left for Hong Kong several years later.

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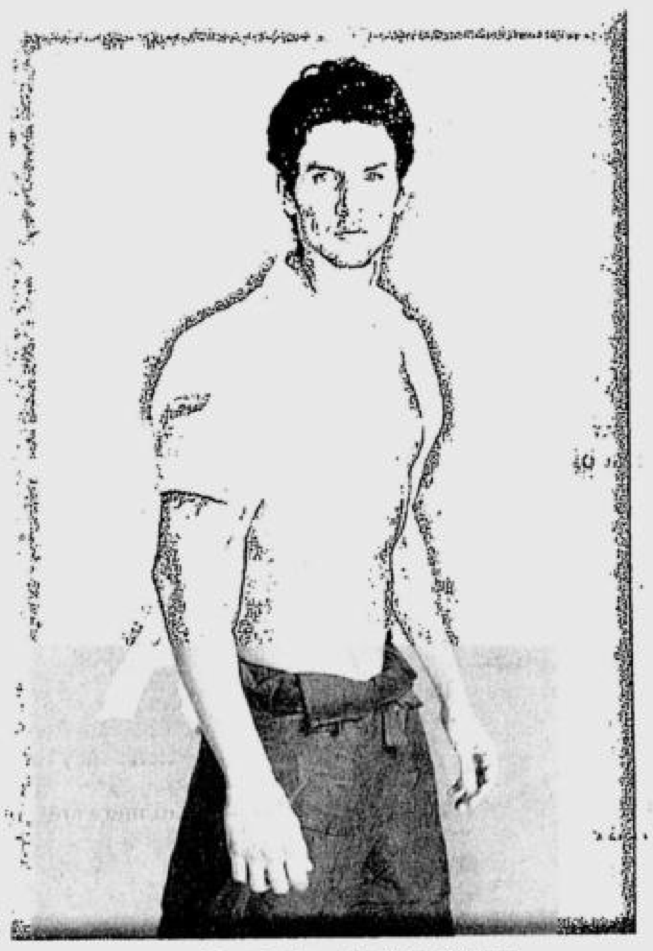

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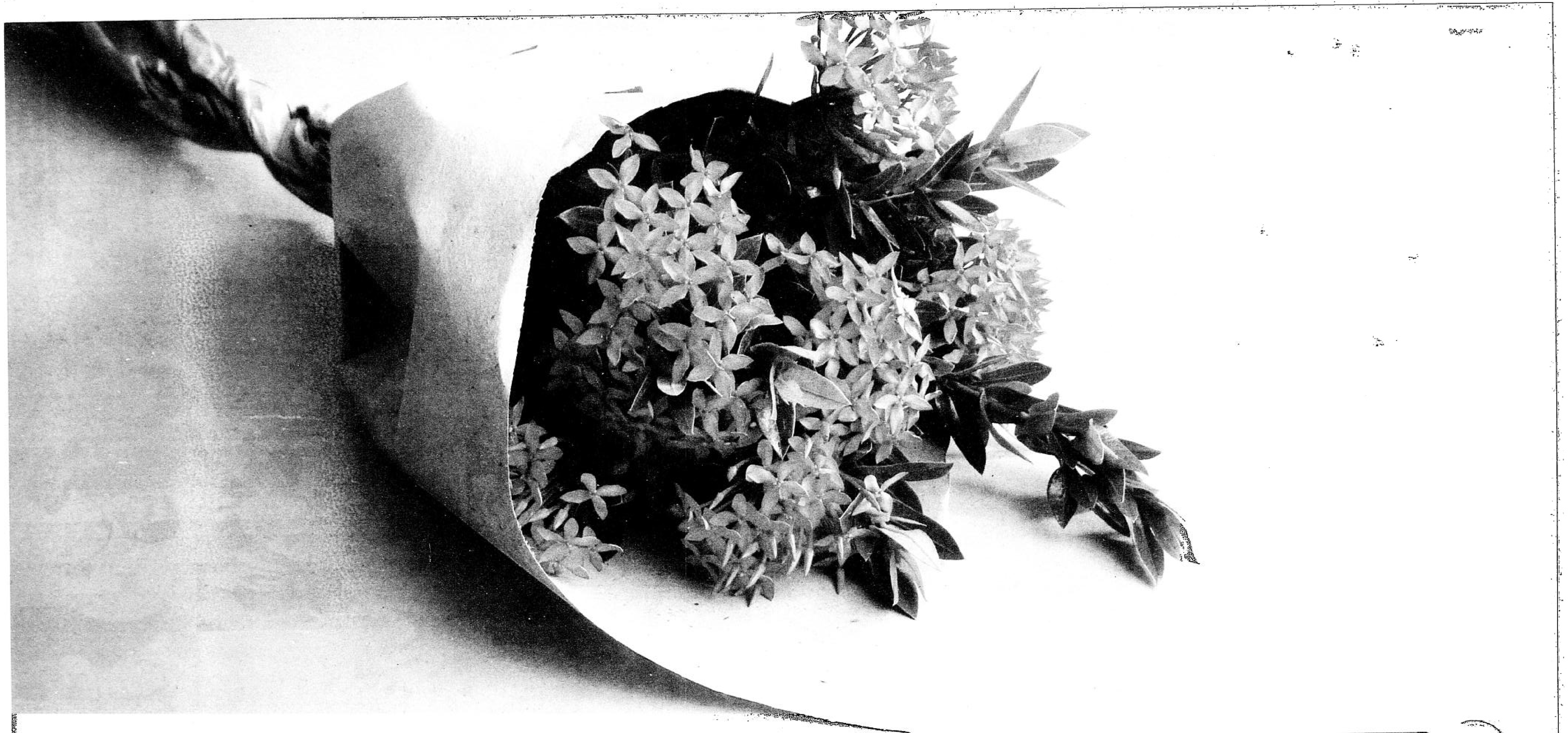

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SOMETHING to be proud of—Monique Lhuillier in Newsweek

MONIQUE with parents Michel and Amparito Lhuillier and family, taken Christmas 2004, Cebu

Monique Lhuillier in Newsweek

SOMETHING to be proud of—Monique Lhuillier. There is no stopping Monique Lhuillier from conquering the fashion world. Already she's become the favorite of Hollywood's A-list celebrities and the spread in Newsweek on her blossoming career proves that people are taking notice of her talent. The Newsweek article quotes some of Lhuillier's following, like Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears. The latter's wedding gown helped skyrocket Lhuillier's career. "The dress was a dream. It was exactly as I wanted," comments Spears on the feature. In the article, the writer also mentioned the parties her socialite mother, Amparito, threw when she was a child in Cebu and how this early exposure to beautiful and fine things led her to a career in fashion. Other celebrities who have been photographed in Monique Lhuillier include Sarah Jessica Parker, Allison Janney, Tyra Banks and Jennifer Connelly. Let's hope she visits the Philippines soon for a fashion show and a homecoming. I'm sure that she will be doing major celebrities in the upcoming Oscars on Feb. 27.

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

Must-have CD—Il Divo. While in HK, I visited my favorite music store, HMV, and came across a CD that upon listening to took my breath away (yes, again!) They may look like a boy band but the comparison stops there. Once you hear these men sing, it will blow you away! Il Divo are four exceptional young men with classically trained voices who take popular songs to another level. In the same vein as Josh Groban, Russel Watson and Mario Frangoulis, they are able to meld pop and classical music with much success. The band was formed in 2002 after an international search. The members include an American (David Miller), a Swiss (Urs Buhler), a French (Sebastian Izambard) and a Spaniard (Carlos Marin). They sing a haunting "Nella Fantasia" (score by Ennio Morricone from the movie "The Mission") and a Spanish version of Toni Braxton's "Un-Break My Heart." According to critics, "all principals combine to deliver choruses with awesome power and passion." Hopefully the CD will be out in the market in Manila soon. Calling all record outlets, this is a winner!

What to wear now? If you are one of those people whose wardrobes consist of black and white, neutrals, grays or even some shades of pastels it's time for a change. It's time to add spice and fun. Time to add color into your life. Black is always the safest color to use as it hides a lot of body flaws, but it does make one look older, too serious and at times boring. And although it does conceal flaws, you can't get on the bandwagon of what's hip and chic in 2005 till you get some color or lose that weight. Colors to wear are aqua, purple, green, yellow, orange hot pink are too in for words. This advice goes for men as well especially for those with an aversion to pink. Although it may be associated with Will rather than Grace, it has gained an acceptance with real men. So bring some color in your life and start with your wardrobe.

Must-watch movie—"The Phantom of the Opera." If you like movie musicals (think "Moulin Rouge," "Chicago") then you will surely love this one. The movie is visually stunning, the costume and sets are as extravagant as the play and the cinematography and the voices are just amazing. And once they sing popular songs such as "Music of the Night" and "All I Ask of You,"

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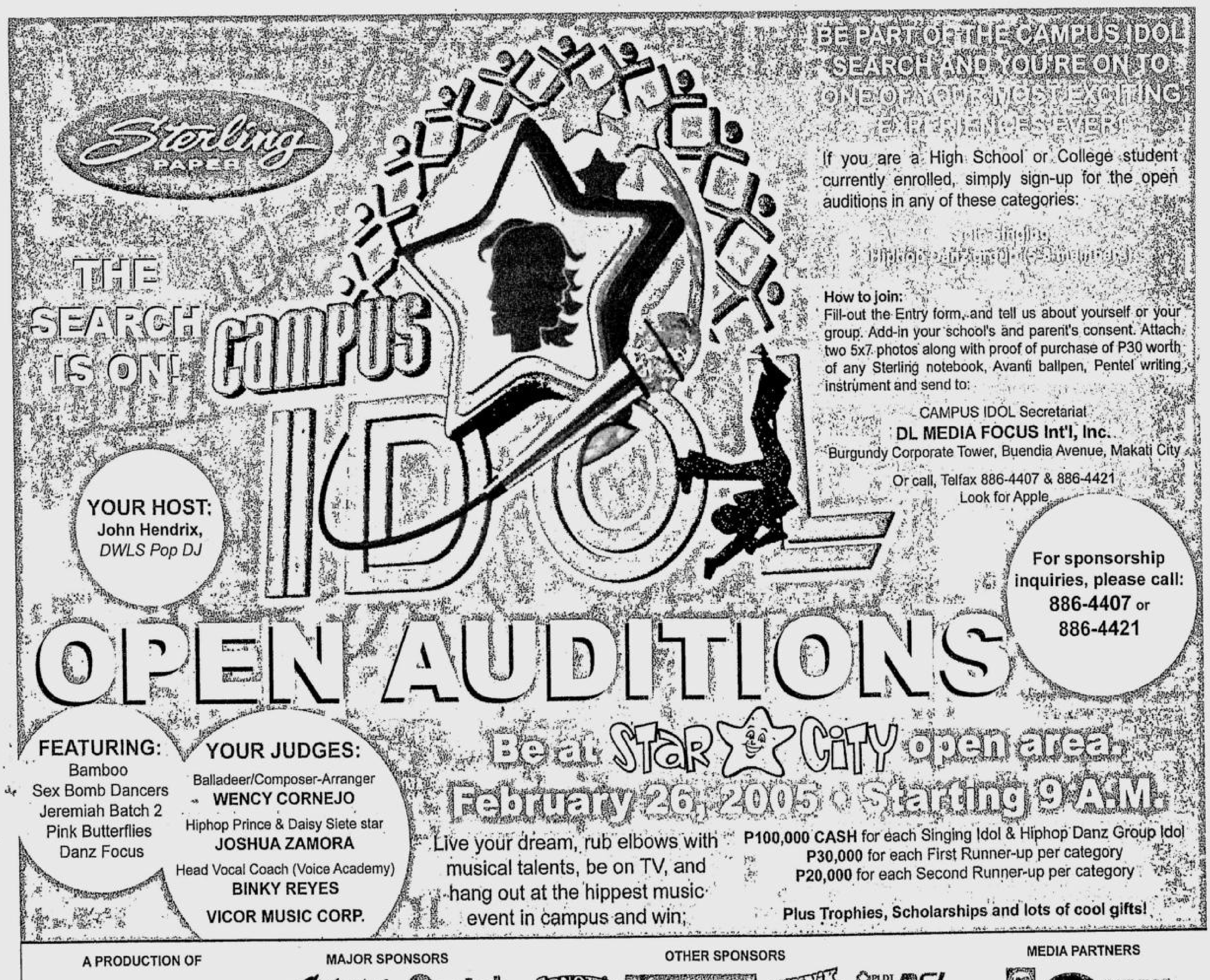

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Cebu officials offer toasts to Japanese emperor

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A RECEPTION was held at the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel to celebrate the birthday of Japan's **Emperor Akihito.** It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new Japanese Consul and Ms **Makato Kobayahi**. The occasion was graced by Japan's ambassador to the Philippines, **Ruyichiro Yamazaki**.

Everyone found the ambassador most erudite and eloquent. **Norma Sanchez** of the Cebu Ikebana International organization found him very charming and conversant on the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Ambassador Yamazaki made it a point to greet and talk to as many persons as possible during the reception.

In their toasts Cebu City Mayor **Tomas Osmeña** and Cebu Provincial Governor **Gwendolyn Garcia** thanked Japan for its many projects in Cebu.

> Mayor Tomas Osmeña and Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia thanked Japan for its many projects in Cebu as they drank to the health of Emperor Akihito

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Another well-attended diplomatic gathering was the farewell reception for outgoing Consul General **Wu Lianqi** of the People's Republic of China at the Atlantic Hall of the Waterfront Hotel. Consul General Wu is so well-liked some thought three years was short for a tour of duty.

"It has been four years," he said, smiling broadly, as members of the Cebu Consular Corps headed by honorary consul **Jose Sala** of Sweden made a toast. Any plans of returning to Cebu some day? "Yes, for holidays," he said, thinking of the many world-class resorts along the province's coastline.

Present on this occasion was Consul **Lu Riuxiang** who heads the Chinese consulate following Consul General Wu's departure. When Consul General Wu's replacement arrives, there will be another celebration.

Get-together

Recent visitors to Cebu were the ambassador of Canada, **Peter Sutherland**, and his lovely wife, **Jo-Lynn**. They were on an official visit to Davao, then came to Cebu for the Christmas get-together of Canadians and Canada's friends in Cebu.

This has become an annual event spearheaded by the very energetic **Robert Lee**, Canada's honorary consul here, and his wife, **Pek An Lee**. Guests came from all over Cebu and from Leyte, Bohol, Camiguin and Iloilo.

From the Canadian embassy came **Steven Rheault-Kihara**, political and economic relations counselor, and public affairs officer **Carlo Figueroa**. An excellent dinner was served at the Sinulog ballroom of the City Sport Center Cebu. The program featured songs and dances by the Cebu Normal University Chorale.

There was a raffle and the top prize, a round-trip ticket from Cebu to Toronto courtesy of Cathay Pacific, was won by **Hans Co**. But every guest was a winner, as each brought home a hefty bag filled with goodies and gifts that Robert and Anna Lee had filled up weeks before.

While in Cebu, Ambassador and Ms Sutherland attended the McLuhan Forum at the Marcelo Fernan Press Center auditorium. Guest speaker was **Tess Bacalla**, the 2004 McLuhan awardee for investigative reporting. In his speech, Ambassador Sutherland said:

"A strong and responsible media is an important component of good government. Canada is pleased to recognize excellent Filipino journalists through the awarding of the McLuhan prize."

A couple of weeks later, Robert and Anna Lee welcomed **Ellen Ruth Zeisler**, Canada's commercial counselor and trade commissioner. The Lees arranged visits to various food manufacturers and distributors with strong Canadian connections.

Balikbayan

Vincent and **Lucille Colina** have for decades lived in a scenic suburb near Detroit, Michigan, but every so often they come to Cebu. "We do as all *balikbayans* would," Vince and Lucille laugh.

Thus, they go sightseeing, shopping for souvenirs, and looking up friends and relations from way back. To make it easier for them this time around, **Manuel** and **Carmen Go** tossed a grand party at their home in exclusive Maria Luisa Park, which was all decked out in lights and trimmings of the season.

Guests were mostly Vince's friends from high school at the University of San Carlos, specially teammates in the varsity basketball teams. Add to them prominent lawyers **Danny Deen** and **Julius Neri**, the latter with his pretty wife **Nelia** who reminisced with the Colinas.

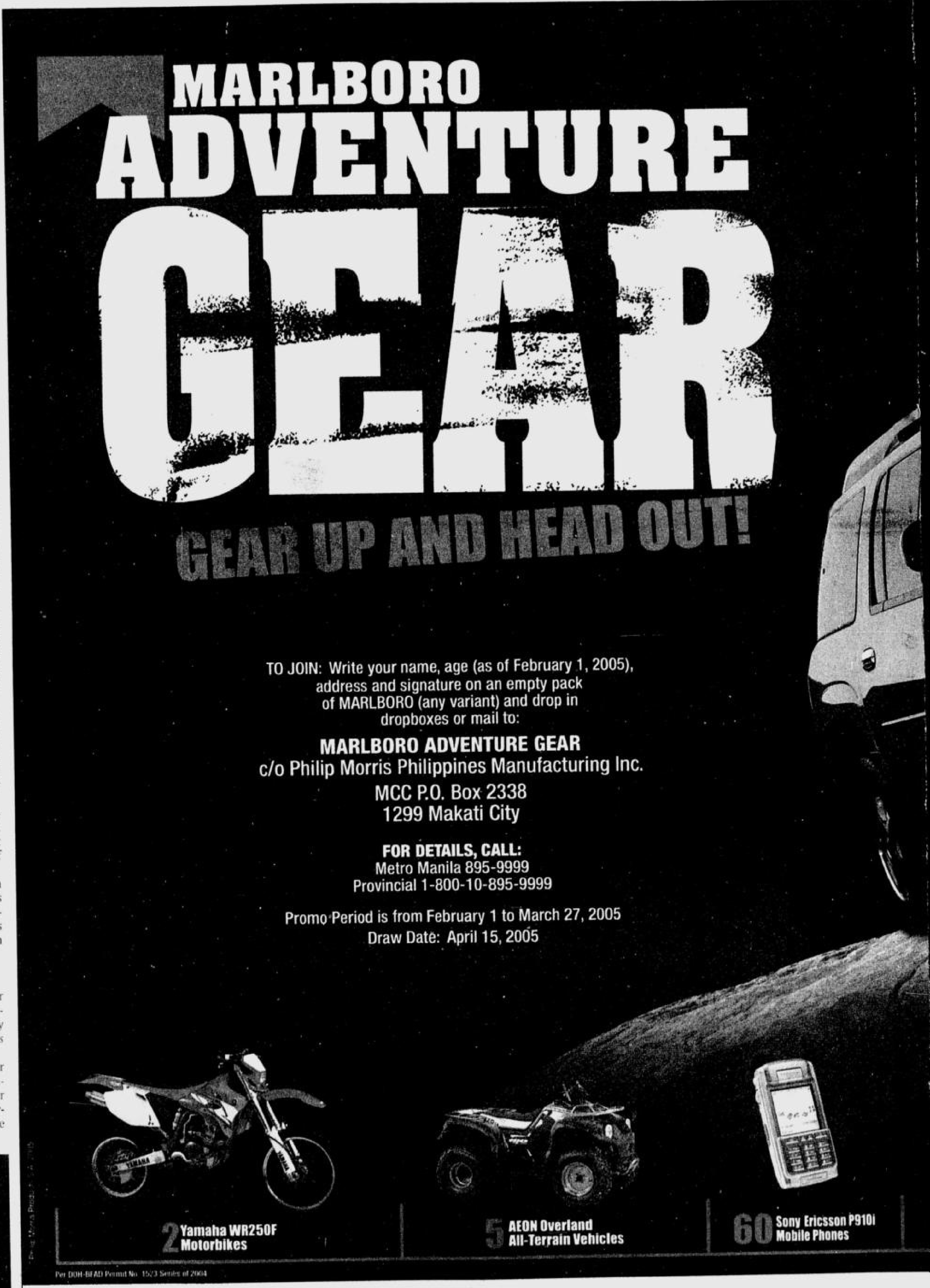
Way back in 1990 a group of Cebu media friends went on a "fam" tour to Los Angeles on Northwest Airlines. From there, some of them went to Detroit to visit the active Cebuano "tribe" there. Vince and Lucille were among those who treated them royally.

That trip took the media gaggle to Memphis, Tennessee to see Graceland, Elvis Presley's home; Orlando, Florida to see Disney World; and New York to see as many plays as possible. On our return to Cebu, came that devastating typhoon "Ruping", that tore off many roofings. The pun may be horrible, but true. Even our roof was blown away.

CEBU Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia, Japanese Ambassador Ruyichiro Yamazaki and Ikebana International's Norma Sanchez

CHINA'S Consul General Wu Lianqi (right) greets the chair of the Cebu Consular Corps and honorary consul of Sweden José Sala and his wife Susan.

CONSUL Lu Ruixiang is acting head of the People's Republic of China Consulate General in Cebu.



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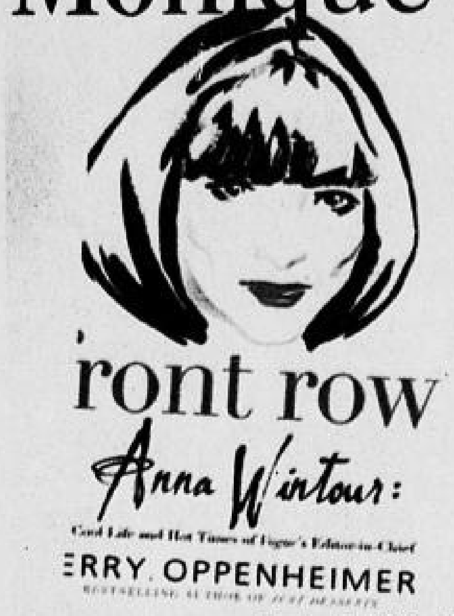
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Anna Wintour:
Cool Life and Hot Times of Vogue's Editor-in-Chief
ERRY OPPENHEIMER

IS ANNA Wintour really the devil? The latest book incarnation on the most celebrated fashion editor in the world, "Front Row : Anna Wintour: The Cool Life and Hot Times of Vogue's Editor in Chief," is out now.

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you may just want to sing along. The movie did not have good reviews, but heck the critics are always only half-right anyway. Just check out "Meet the Fockers"; it's a box-office hit, but it's just awful. Watch "Phantom" on the big screen as you will surely appreciate it and don't forget to purchase the CD as well. Don't miss this, with the Filipinos' penchant for music and singing this one will be huge. Can't wait to see it again!

The only swimwear to own for men—Vilebrequin. This upcoming summer season sizzles with the new 2005 collection of Vilebrequin swimwear for men.

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For the last word… Is Anna Wintour really the devil? She is the most celebrated fashion editor of the most powerful fashion magazine in the world, but according to some, she may also be the devil incarnate. Take the international bestseller the "The Devil Wears Prada," written by her disgruntled Starbucks-buying assistant who compares her to Rosemary's baby. Now comes a new book , "Front Row: Anna Wintour: The Cool Life and Hot Times of Vogue's Editor in Chief." According to reviews, the book is on, "The most powerful and influential style-maker in the world. Behind her trademark sunglasses and fringe bob she determines whether miniskirts are in or out. She influences designers, wholesalers and retailers globally from Seventh Avenue to the elegant enclaves of L'Avenue Montaigne and Via della Spiga. She can order Oprah to lose weight before coming out on the cover and control the $200 billion fashion industry with a mere issue…" "Front Row" is written by New York Times best-selling author of "Just Desserts: Martha Stewart: The Unauthorized Biography."

Is Anna Wintour Satan? The book depicts her as a person who destroyed House and Garden under her reign, as well as make P. Diddy and grunge cool. I can't wait to get my copy, no matter what your take on this woman, she is interesting and intriguing. A definite must-read!

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MUST-HAVE CD—Il Divo. New opera kids on the block are a hit!

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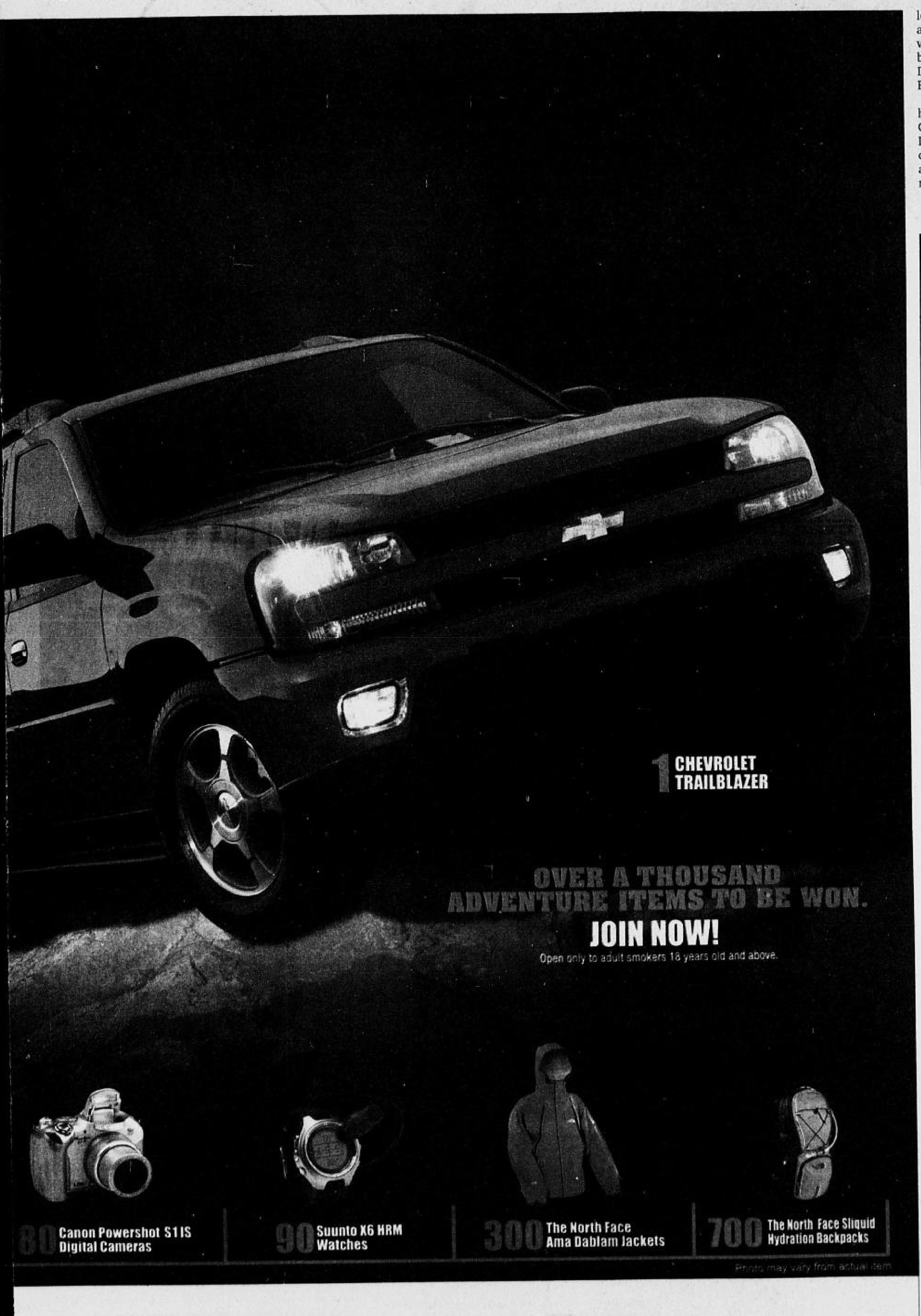
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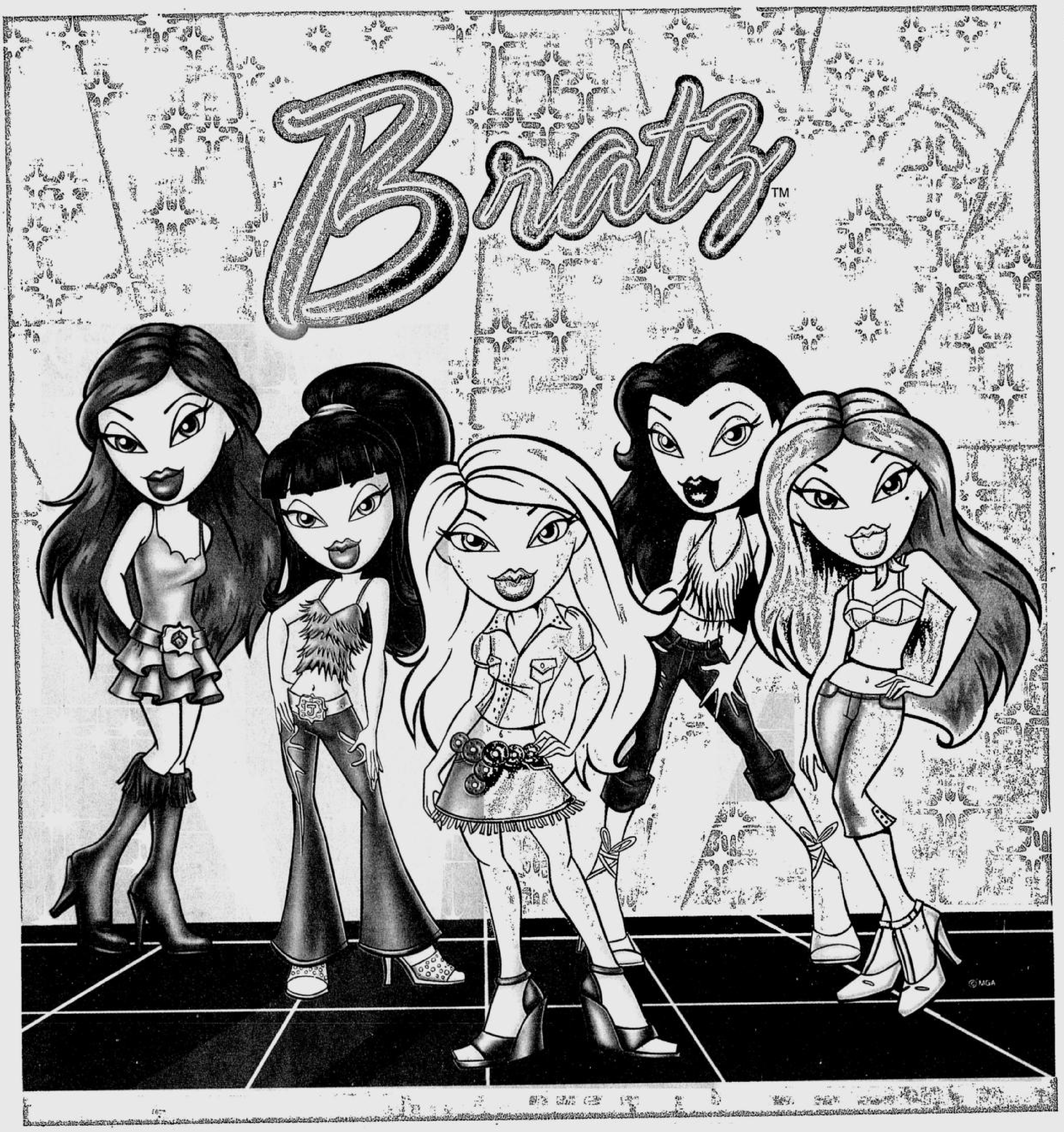

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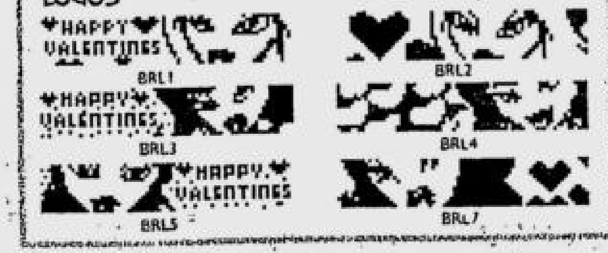
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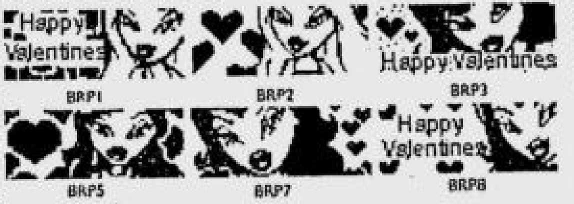
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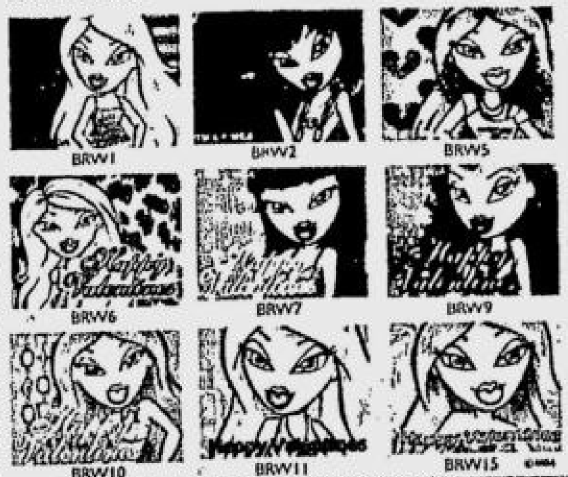
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'It's Motown! It's authentic!'

By Armin Adina

FILIPINOS will get a rare treat on Monday, Valentine's Day, as Motown's biggest acts serenade them with hits from one of music's golden eras.

"Filipinos are big fans of love songs, and all our songs are about love," said Kaaren Ragland, who has been with the singing trio The Supremes since 1977. She was speaking at a press conference at Discovery Suites at the Ortigas Center last Friday.

Party anthem "Stop, in the Name of Love" and "Baby Love" are just two of The Supremes' 23 hit singles, at least 10 of which made it to Number 1 on the US Billboard pop charts in the '60s and '70s.

The group was formed in 1961 and has since embodied the sophistication, glamour and elegance of Motown.

The Supremes last visited the Philippines in 1998 for a series of Valentine shows with the Stylistics and the Fifth Dimension.

"We had a ball," Kaaren recalled of their last visit.

"The people knew our songs," gushed Kathy Merrick, who, along with Althea Burkhalter, joined the trio seven years ago.

"Our songs are appropriate for Valentine's," Kaaren added.

The three women of the post-Diana Ross Supremes still looked fabulous and ravishing, proof that the Supremes spirit lives on in the new millennium.

Joining The Supremes this time is the all-male singing group The Temptations, which popularized the catchy "My Girl," "Can't Hurry Love," and a slew of other hits.

Unlike The Supremes, The Temptations' first visit to the country was decades ago.

"It was wonderful!," the group members chanted in unison.

The Temptations promised to give their Manila audience great singing and harmony, and flashy fashion The Temptations way.

After all the decades, The Temptations still couldn't get enough of the "warm hospitality of the [Filipino] people." This, they said, made them look forward to another trip to the Philippines.

As in the case of The Supremes, The Temptations, too, were surprised that the Filipino fans knew their songs enough to sing along with them.

"Sometimes we just stopped and let them sing," said one amused member.

The Supremes and The Temptations, together with The Miracles ("Ooo Baby Baby," "Here I Go Again," "You Really Got a Hold on Me") and JR Walker's All-Star Band ("I'm a Road Runner," "What Does It Take to Win Your Love") will take you on a trip down memory lane as they play Motown's biggest hits tonight and tomorrow night at the Araneta Coliseum.

"It's Motown," bragged Kaaren. "It's authentic!"

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SURPRISE! On their first visit to the Philippines, The Supremes and the The Temptations were surprised that Filipinos could sing their hits.

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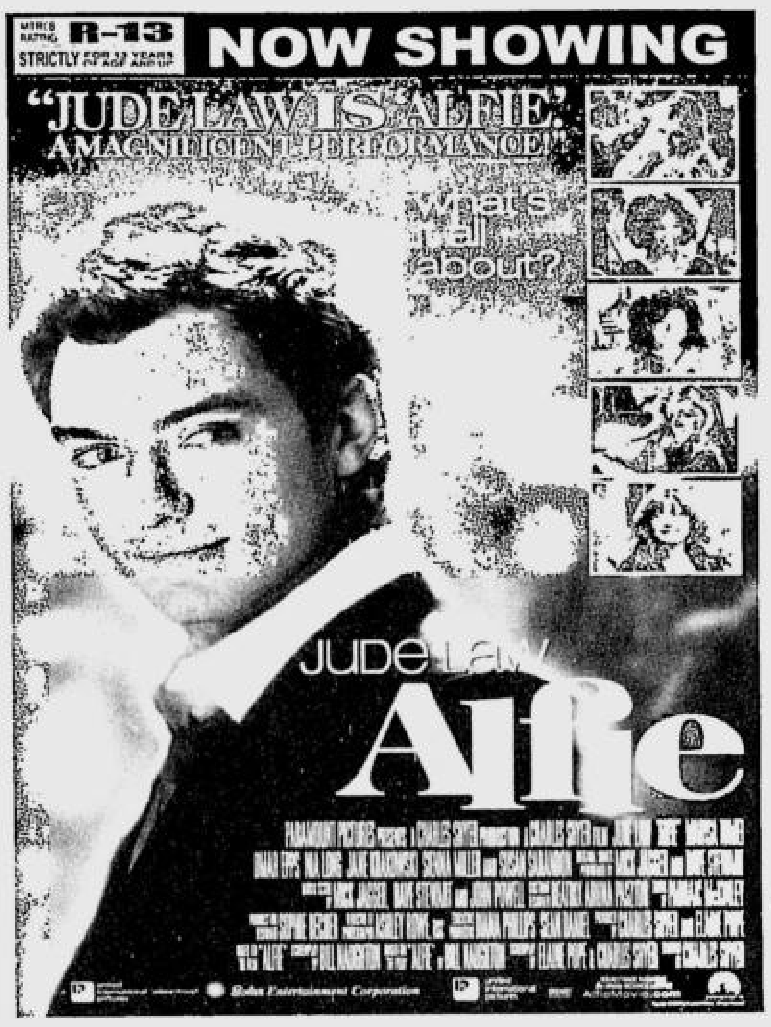

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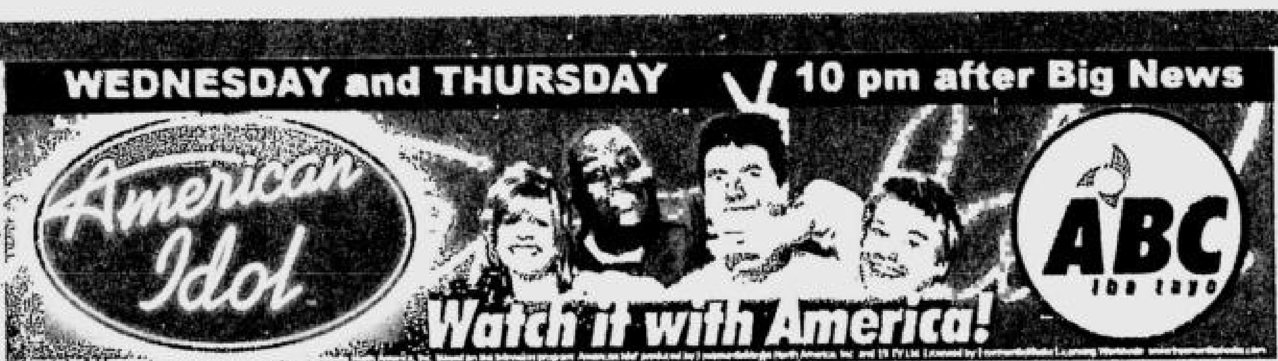

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NBN		Value Vision		Kabataan News Network	Family Rosary Crusade	Concert at the Park		Kamao		Family Rosary Crusade	The Working President	Battle Of Royale							Unlimited Diving
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Star Movies		Rambo First Blood 2 (3:15 PM)				Home Alone 2: Lost In New York				Signs (7:10:PM)				Pirates Of The Caribean: Curse Of Black Pearl					Rob Roy (11:25PM)
Cartoon Network	What's New Scooby Doo?	The Detective Squad	Tom & Jerry Show	Swat Kats	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	X-Men Evolution	Justice League	Atomic Betty	Foster's Home For Imaginary Friends	Megas XLR	What's New Scooby Doo?	The Looney Tunes Show		Cartoon Cartoon Show	Power Rangers Ninja Storm	Zoids: Fuzors	Time Squad	Samurai Jack	Justice League
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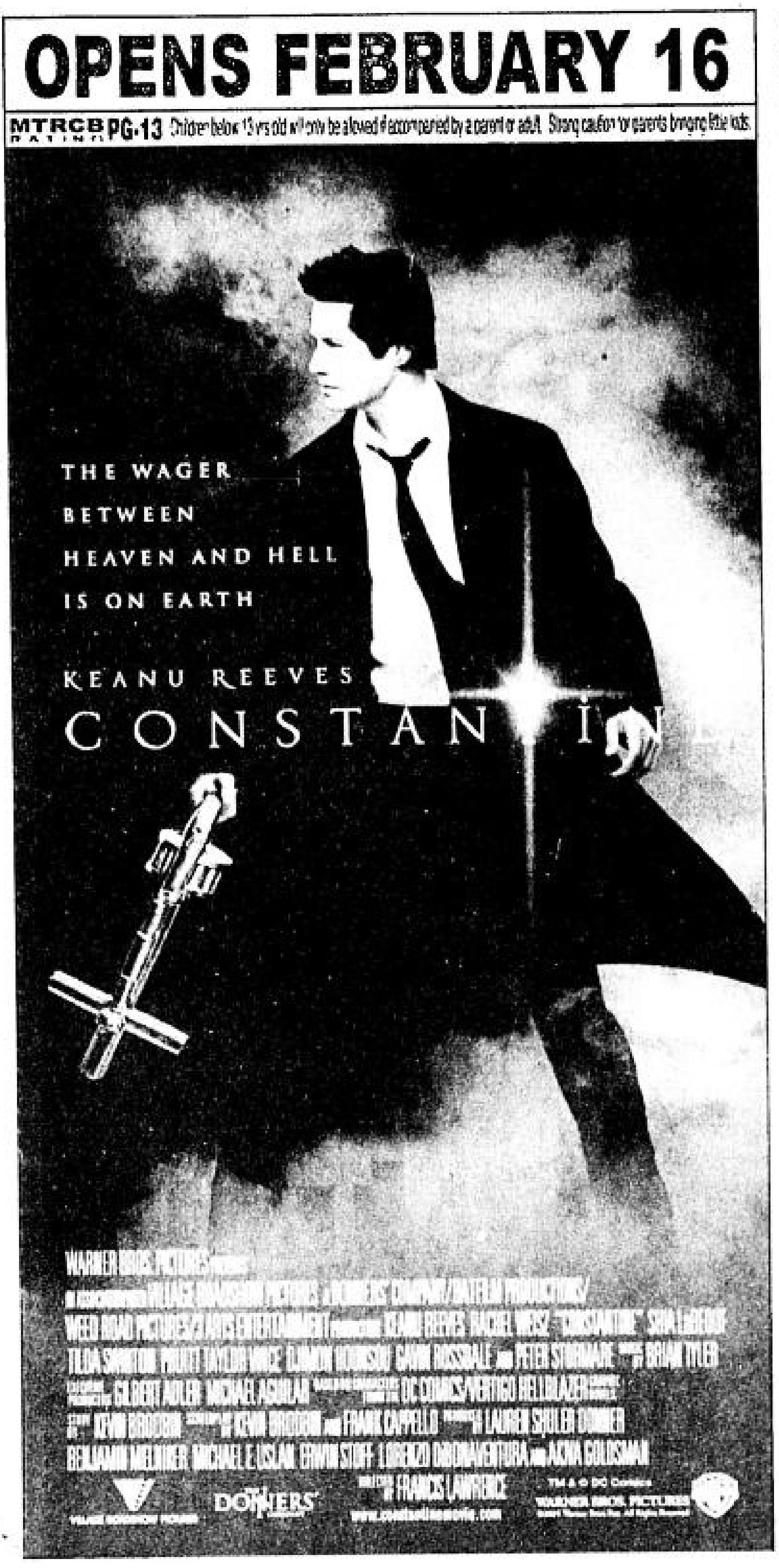
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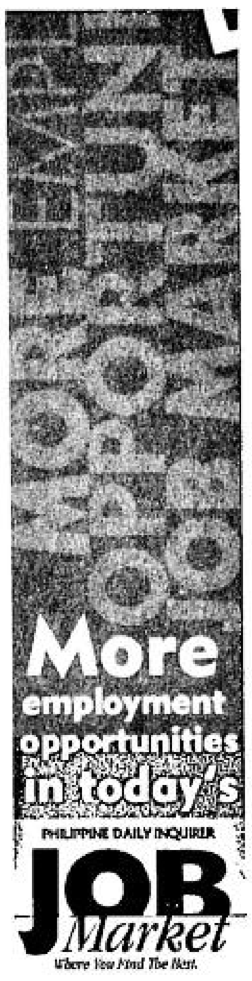
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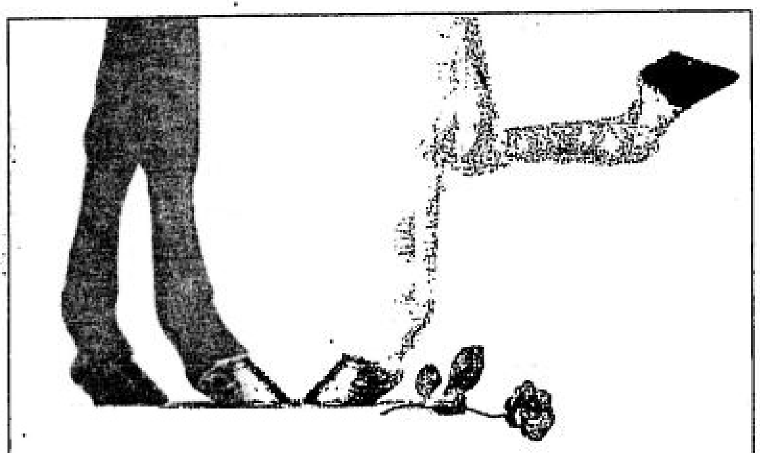

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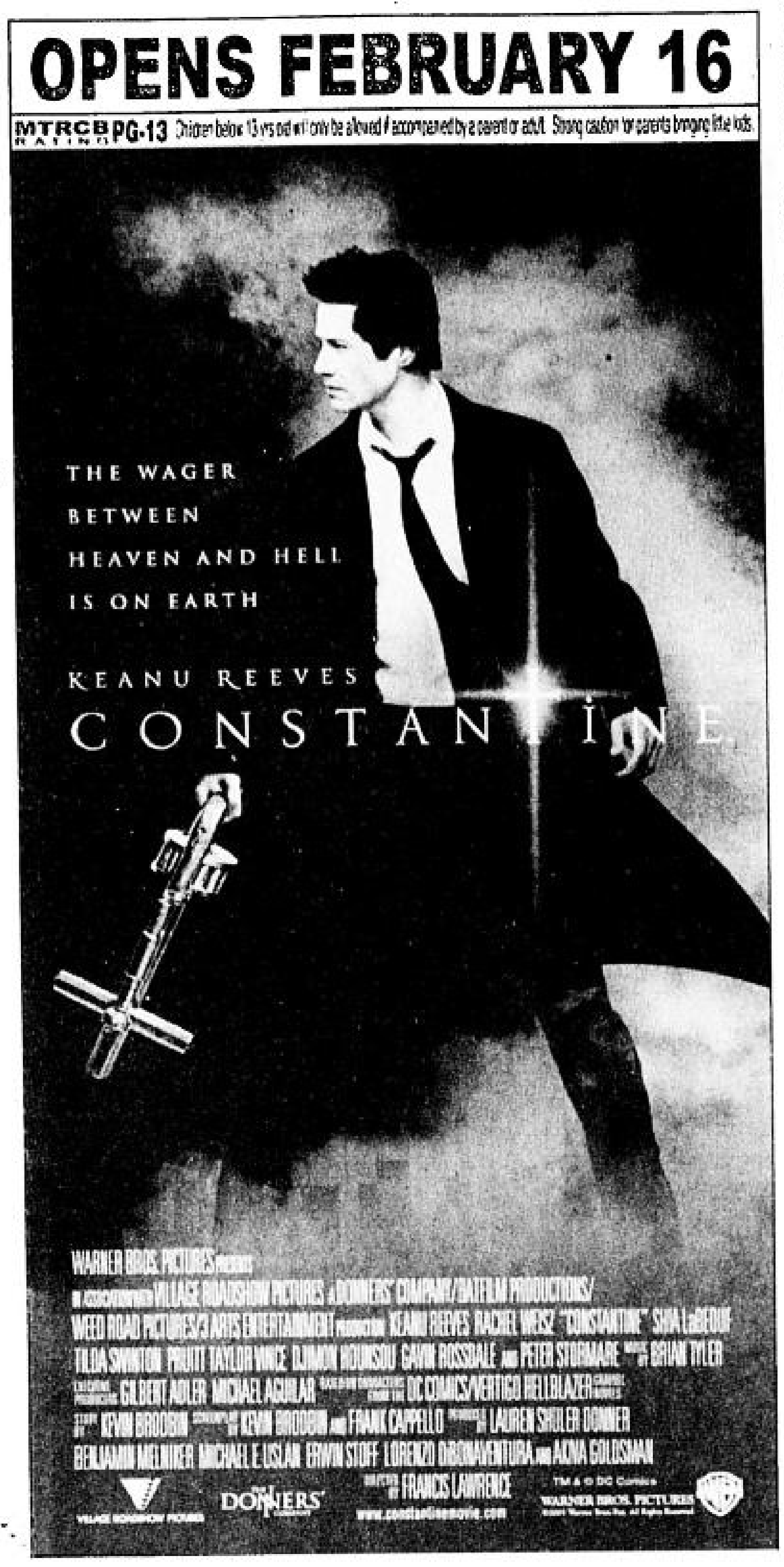
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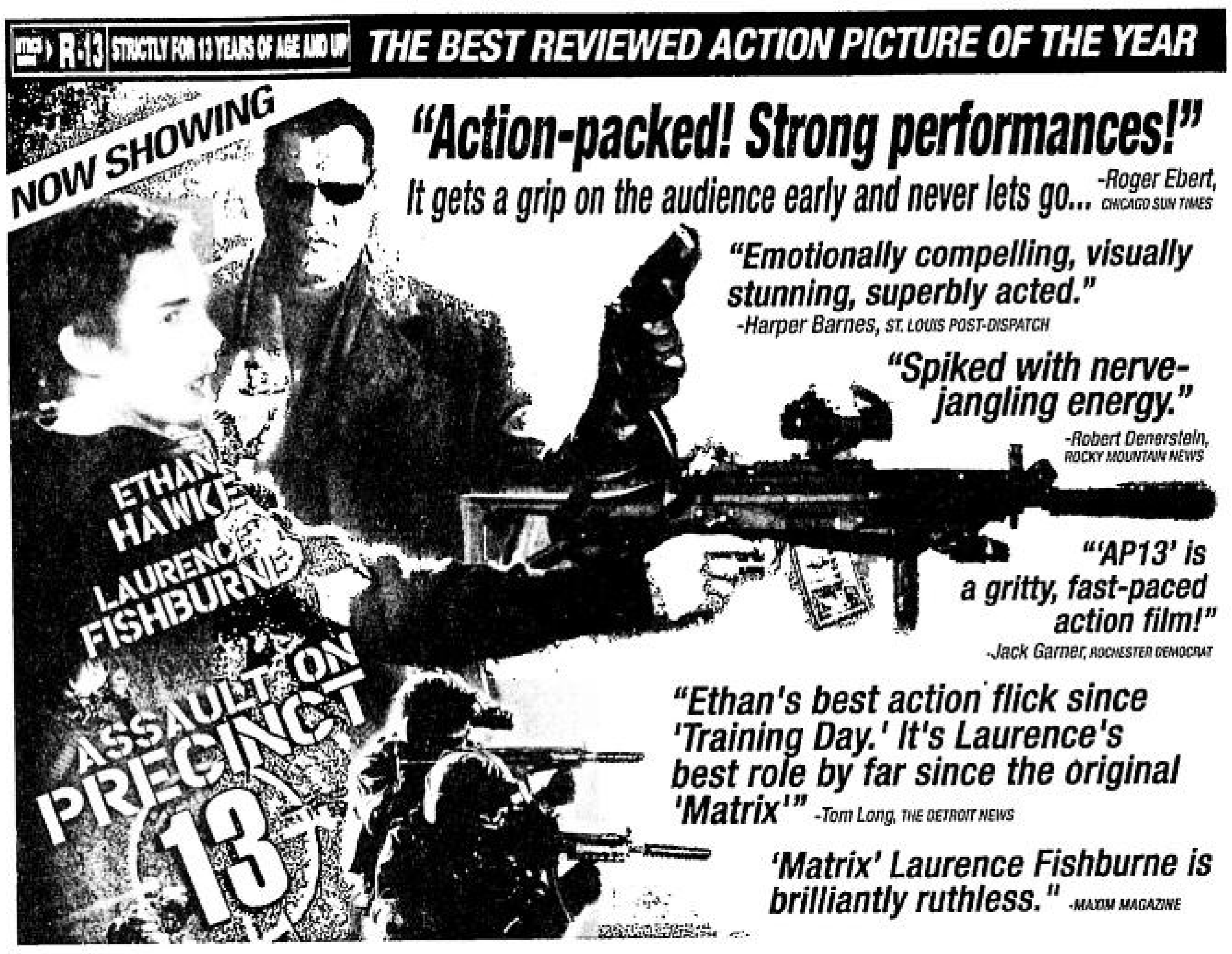
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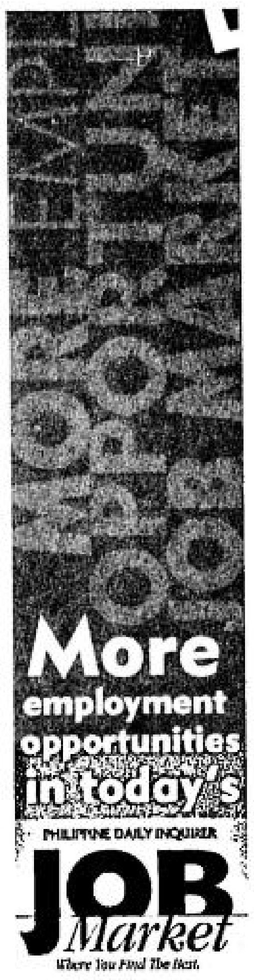
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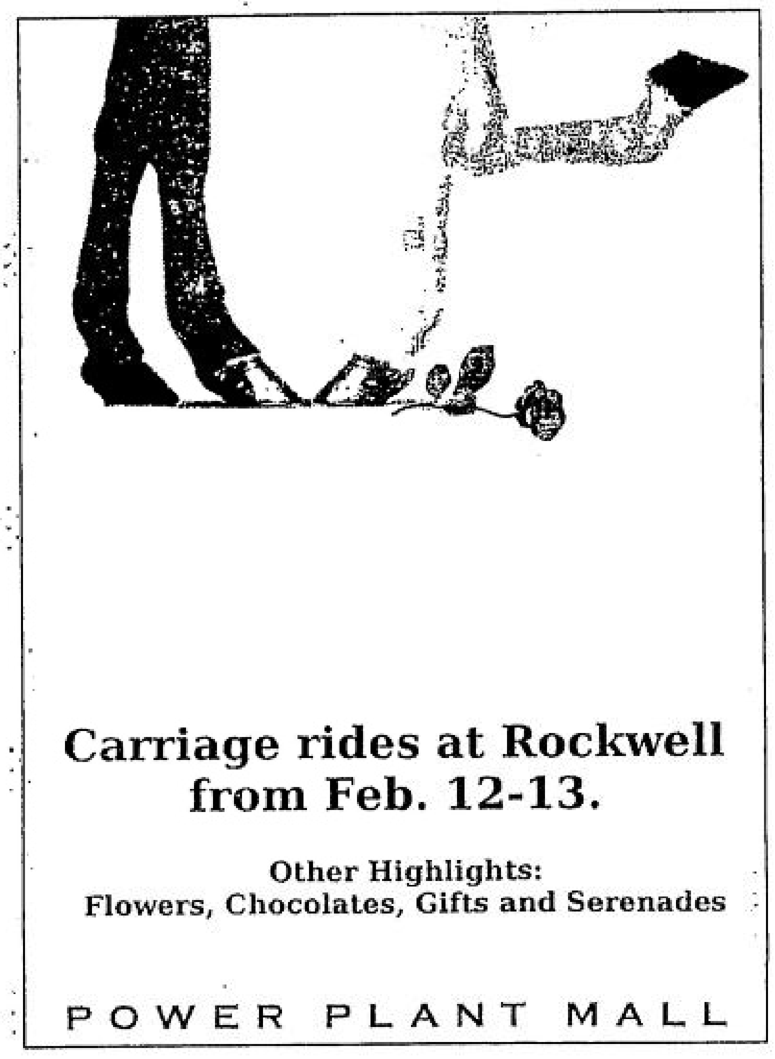
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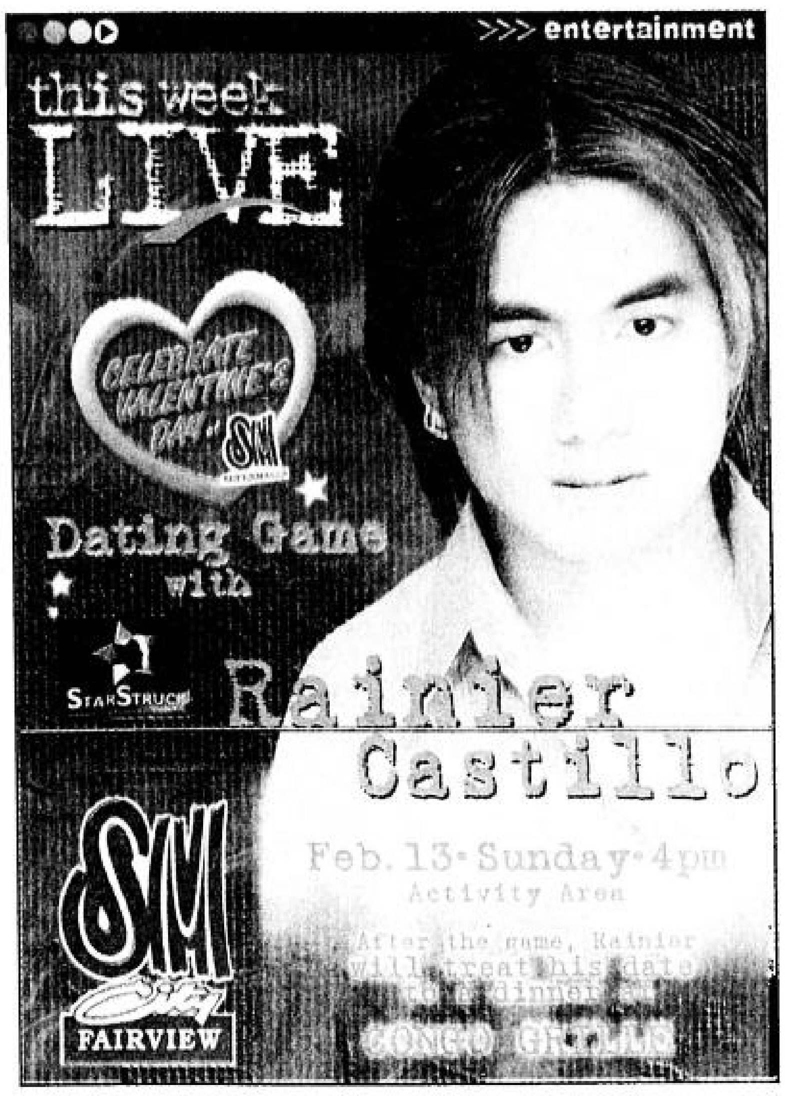
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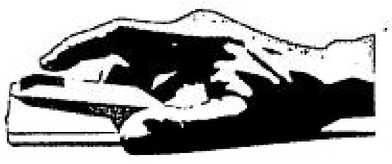

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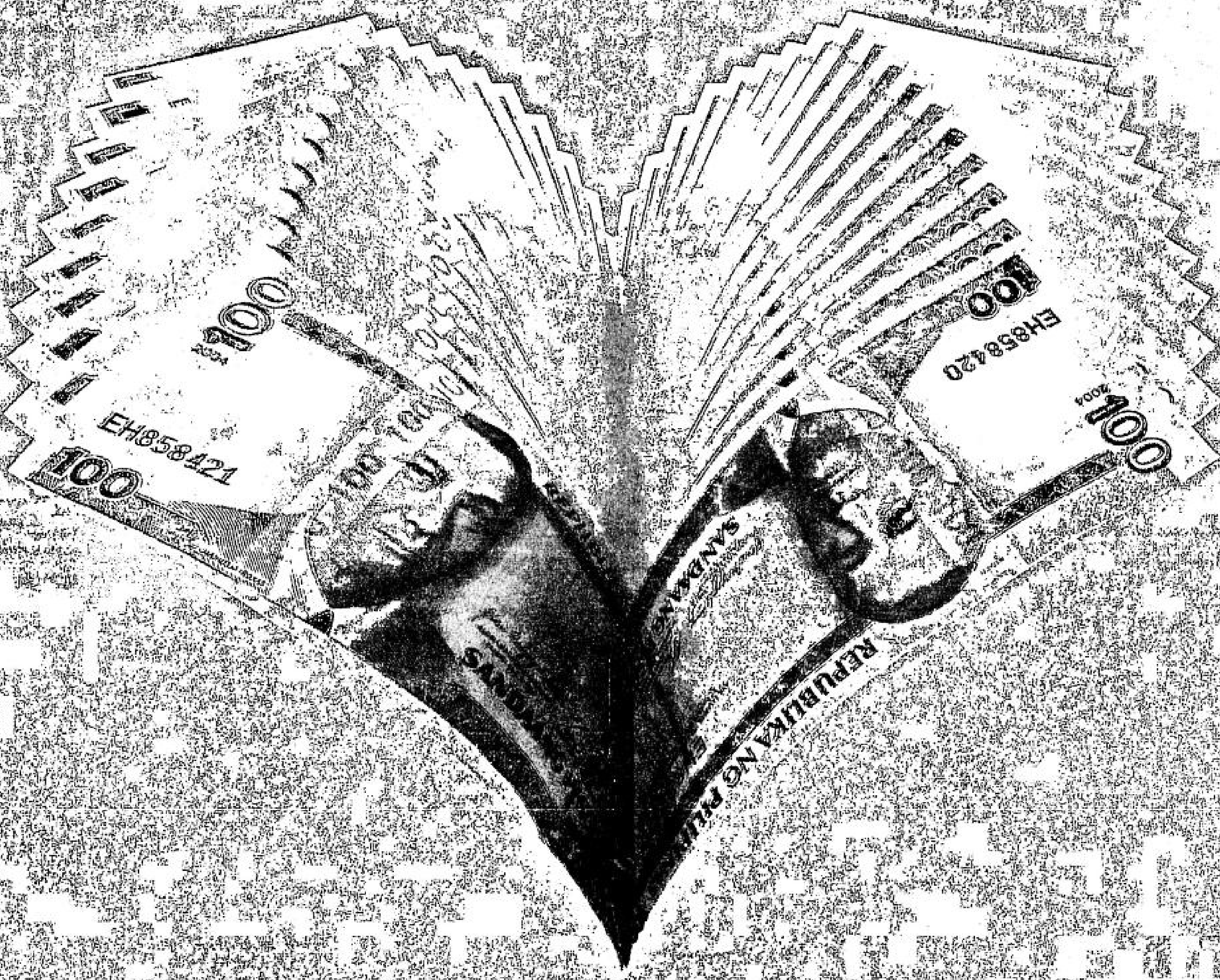

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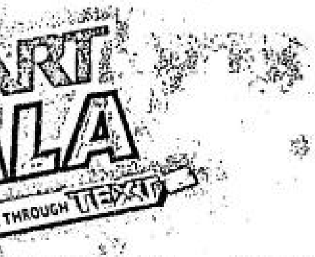

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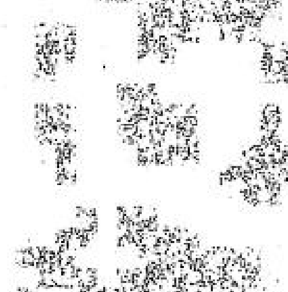
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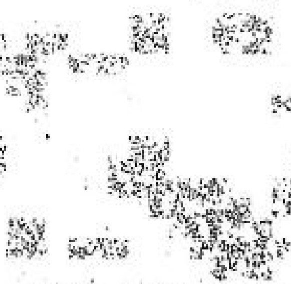

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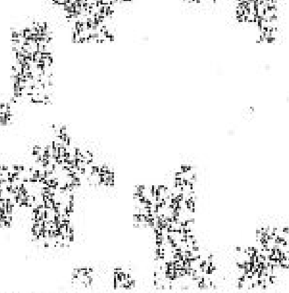

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- good communication skills in English, both oral and written;

The principal duty and responsibility of the Finance Officer is to assist the PEACE Mindanao Programme Manager in financial management. Work includes the following :

- Day to Day Disbursement Transactions
- Day to Day Receipt Transactions
- Cash Monitoring
- Project finance monitoring
- Financial reporting
- Budgeting
- Liaising
- Inventory Control

The successful applicant will be offered a one year contract, with possibility of extension.

Duty station is Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, Mindanao. The applicant should be in post no later than April 15, 2005.

A detailed job description can be downloaded at www.geocities.com/vsophilippines. All applicants should fill up a VSO standard application form which is available at the website. CV's will not be accepted. Please submit your completed application form to vsophilippines@yahoo.com

Deadline for the application is March 10, 2005
Interview date is on March 21, 2005.
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VSO

Voluntary Service Overseas sends professional, experienced and qualified international volunteers at the request of non-governmental (NGO), governmental and community organisations in the Philippines.40 professional volunteers are currently working all over the Philippines in: community-based natural resource management, gender & development , peacebuilding, including informal education particularly with enterprise development.

VSO Philippines is searching for an Administrative Officer for its peace building work in Northern Mindanao. The successful applicant will be handling the financial aspects of an EU-funded Peace Mindanao project.

Job Title : Administrative Officer

Responsible for office management and the provision of administrative assistance and general support services to the Peace Mindanao programme staff.

The job requires:

- College degree or at least three (3) years relevant work experience in the NGO sector or in other development organizations
- Excellent people management skills. The applicant should possess good interpersonal skills, including adequate negotiating and bargaining experience in a cross-cultural setting
- Effective computer skills. Competence in word processing, accounting, and presentation programmes and techniques (eg., MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc.) and familiarity with internet/email services (Outlook, Internet Explorer, etc.);
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Duties and responsibilities of the administrative officer post include :

1.1 Provision of general office management and administrative support for Peace Mindanao staff and volunteers, including support to the Finance Officer in monitoring some financial transactions and budget planning;
1.2 Assistance to the Programme Manager in the effective use and management of supplies, equipment, and other properties of Peace Mindanao; and,
1.3 Provision of volunteer support in terms of housing, medical care, visa renewal, communication.

The successful applicant will be offered a one year contract, with possibility of extension.

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VSO Philippines is searching for a Project Officer for its peace building work in Northern Mindanao. The successful applicant will be handling the financial aspects of an EU-funded Peace Mindanao project.

Job Title : Project Officer

Skills and experience in the following are essential :

- project assessment, monitoring, and evaluation skills and expertise, including alternative budget analysis and financial monitoring;
- knowledge of volunteer support and administration;
- ability to engage in capability and capacity building activities, especially in project and programme development;
- project documentation and presentation capabilities; including a strong grasp of relevant project data and information and skills in identifying and disseminating 'learning and best practices';
- a sensitivity to security issues and challenges, and a willingness to engage in security monitoring and evaluation;
- sensitivity to partners and partnership needs, including excellent negotiation and bargaining capabilities; and,
- strong people management skills.

Duties and responsibilities for the post include :

1. Assisting the Programme Manager in developing and implementing a security assessment and management plan for staff and volunteers, and other resources deployed in the PEACE Mindanao project area.
2. Assisting the PM in assessing, monitoring, and evaluating project plans and proposals from partner organizations and other stakeholders.
3. Assisting the PM in volunteer administration and support

The successful applicant will be offered a one year contract, with possibility of extension.

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Interview date is on March 14, 2005.
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NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Regents of the Nueva Vizcaya State University formally and publicly announces that the Search for Presidency of the **NUEVA VIZCAYA STATE UNIVERSITY** is now open. Interested applicants and/or nominees are invited to send their formal applications to the Search Committee chaired by Dr. Salvador H. Escudero III.

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FIELD COORDINATORS

The Local Enhancement and Development (LEAD) for Health Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH), aims to strengthen local government provision and management of family planning (FP) and selected health services (Vitamin A/MCH, TB, and HIV/AIDS), and to improve the policies and financing for these services. The Project will seek to improve the capacity of local government units (LGUs), particularly in cities and municipalities, to meet the needs of their constituents, especially the poor, for FP, TB, MCH, and HIV/AIDS.

MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill in the position of Field Coordinators for Luzon and Visayas. Duty Station is Manila for the Luzon Field Coordinator and Cebu City for the Visayas Coordinator.

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6. Perform such other tasks assigned by the Team Leader and the Field Operations Manager.

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1. Provide overall direction of all technical and administrative operations.
2. Function as the primary liaison between the USAID, DOH, and other collaborating agencies on all administrative and financial matters.
3. Know, understand, supervise, and support the work of the Directors of the various units with particular emphasis on their key tasks and project deliverables.
4. Together with the MSH/Cambridge Project Support Leader, maintain good working relationships with all partners and subcontractors to assure that the project receives the full benefit from their specific areas of expertise

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Minimum of a master's level education/ training or its equivalent in Health Economics, Public Health, Public or Business Administration, or a related field.
2. Demonstrated success as the COP of a comparable multi-dimensional USAID project, managing professional and financial resources on a similar scale preferred. Direct senior staff supervision experience required.
3. At least 10 years successful prior experience working with national and local governments on the development and/or implementation of health programs in the developing world preferred.
4. Successful prior experience in policy and advocacy projects in a developing country, preferably with experience working in the Philippines.
5. Familiarity with and understanding of USAID administrative procedures
6. Proven ability to manage experienced staff with differing opinions and harmonize their efforts.

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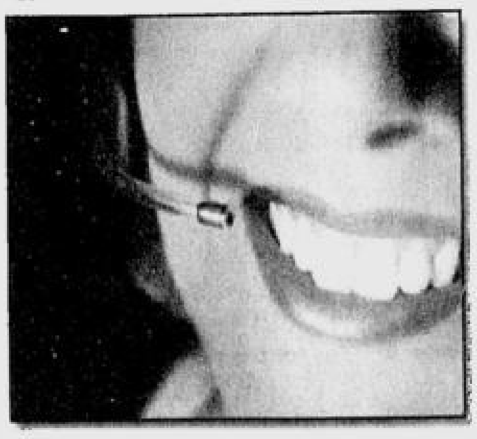

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** Academic Year 2005 starts on April 1, 2005*

For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Carmela M. Ocasion (cp# 09192885303) or Ms. Cleopatra Q. Palencia (cp# 09163021735) with Tel. Nos. 925-2401 locals 3234, 3235, 3236 & 3237 and Telefax 926-9622, or you can email to oer@phc.gov.ph

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Qualifications:

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- College graduate
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Your team work skills will be applied to liaising closely with short-term planning, drill and blast, production and metallurgical personnel.

You must be suitably qualified and have substantial experience as a mine geologist in open pit environments, proficiency with mine computer packages is essential. Preferred candidates will be subject to pre-employment checks. You must be committed to health and safety, have excellent communication, supervisory and coaching skills, and have proven ability to operate in a dynamic work place.

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2. Formulate and ensure the adoption of a provincial and municipal manual of operations spelling out the systems and procedures to be used by the PMUs based on UNFPA rules and regulations.
3. Working closely with the designated focal persons, assist in the orientation of provincial and municipal officials, service providers and other stakeholders about the 6th CP and its major components. Ensure that the activities spelled out in the quarterly and annual work plans are carried out by the LGUs as planned and on a timely basis.
4. Provide technical assistance to the province and municipalities in the preparation of quarterly and annual work plans and results-based reports and ensure the timely submission of these documents to UNFPA Manila.
5. Coordinate the conduct of inter- and intra- provincial and municipal activities such as community assessments and baseline surveys, training of service providers, IEC and advocacy campaigns, etc.
6. Coordinate the monitoring visits of UNFPA, donors, and national and regional partners. Assist in monitoring the progress of implementation of provinces and municipalities vis-à-vis outputs and targets, on a regular basis, and address operational problems as they arise. Prepare corresponding monitoring reports for submission to concerned UNFPA Area Officer.
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8. Serve as resource person or trainor for capacity building activities.
9. Document program activities in the area of responsibility. Assist the province and municipalities in the identification and documentation of their best practices.
10. Perform other duties that may be assigned by the UNFPA Area Officer, the Governor or the PMU members.

Qualifications:

Must be a holder of a bachelors degree, preferably in the social sciences.
Must have at least 5 years experience working in reproductive health, population and gender projects, preferably at the LGU/community level.
Must have excellent interpersonal, communication (oral and written), facilitating and negotiating skills.
Works harmoniously with the rest of the team, sharing knowledge and information openly and displaying cultural and gender sensitivity.
Must be proficient in MS Word, MS Excel, PowerPoint and internet applications.
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Applicants are requested to send their application letters indicating post title together with completed UN Personal History Forms (P.11), available at www.unfpa.org.ph/jobs to:

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United Nations Population Fund
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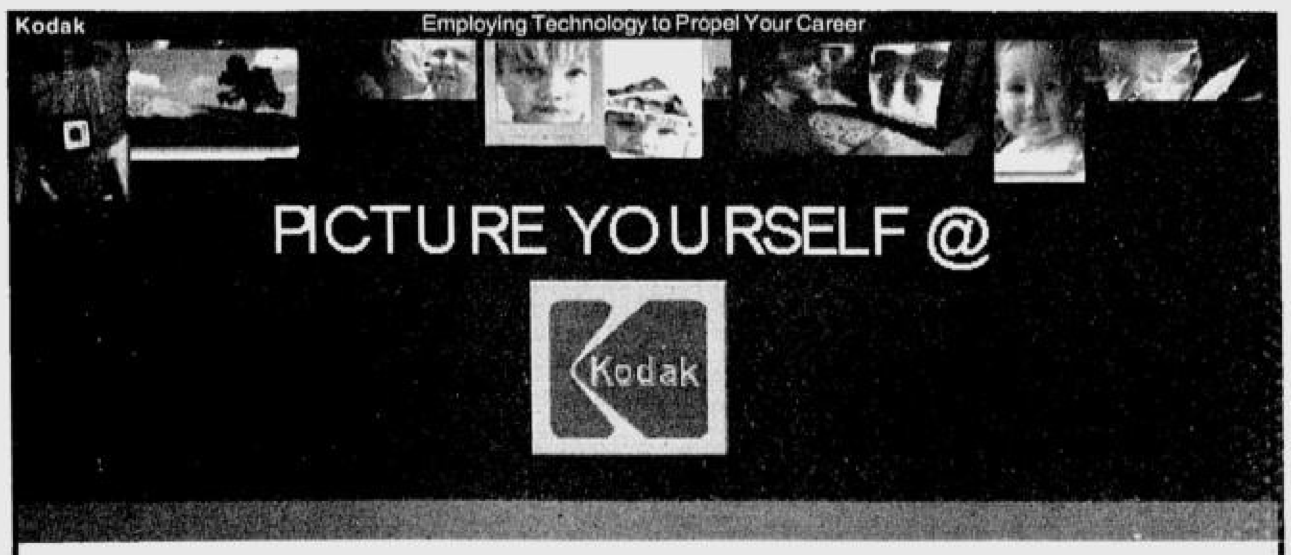
1300 Domestic Road
Pasay City, Metro Manila

Or through email at officemail@unfpa.org.ph

Salary: Negotiable based on experience and qualifications

Deadline for submission of applications: 25 February 2005 (Only short-listed applicants will be notified).



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- Liaise with Government and regulatory agencies to ensure all of our financial obligations are met

Aside from Project and finance management experience, tertiary qualifications are preferred in a commercial, financial or legal disciplines, with impeccable ethics and integrity and will not compromise on business conduct and safety. It is expected that you have high communications skills as well computer literacy in related field.

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Reporting to the President, responsible for corporate planning, formulation of control and monitoring systems and coordinating equipment and materials procurement. Key responsibilities will include:

- Takes part in technical and financial planning, developing and implementing project schedule and cost reporting mechanisms
- Plan and manage ore sales as well as coordination of shipments with buyer
- Assist in the preparation of contractual agreements for Company projects
- Advise management team of costing trends, scheduling and variation issues

Preference would be for candidates with tertiary qualifications in geology and mining disciplines and those with exposure in a similar commercial and planning role. High communications skills and proficiency in computing is a must.

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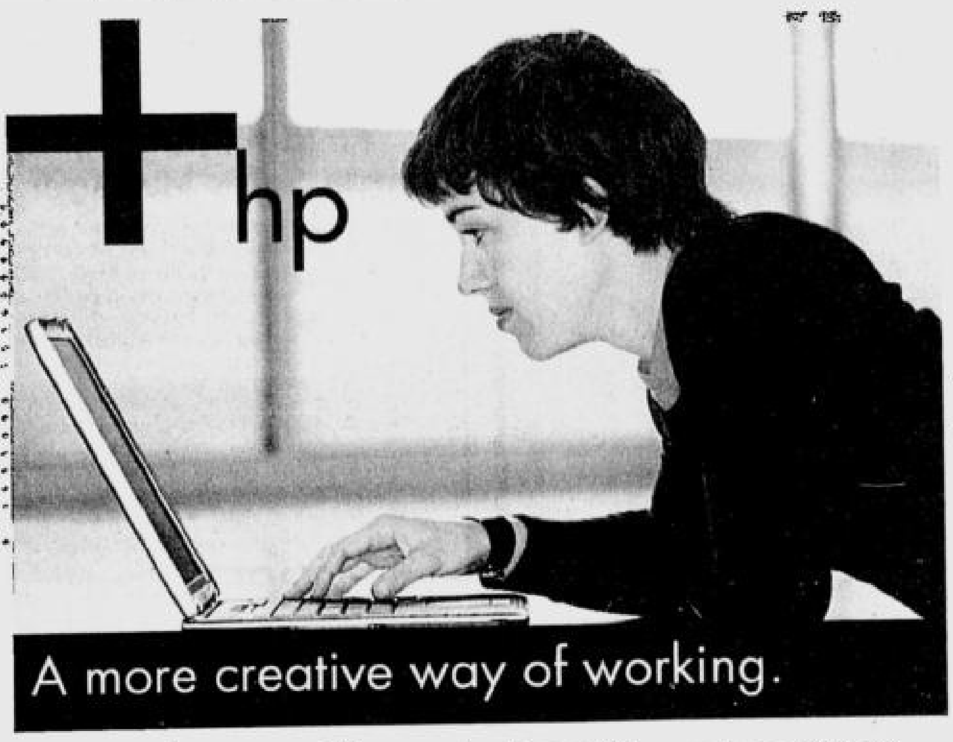

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- Systems implementation experience across a project life cycle is preferred.
- SAP, ITIL or PMI certification is a definite advantage.
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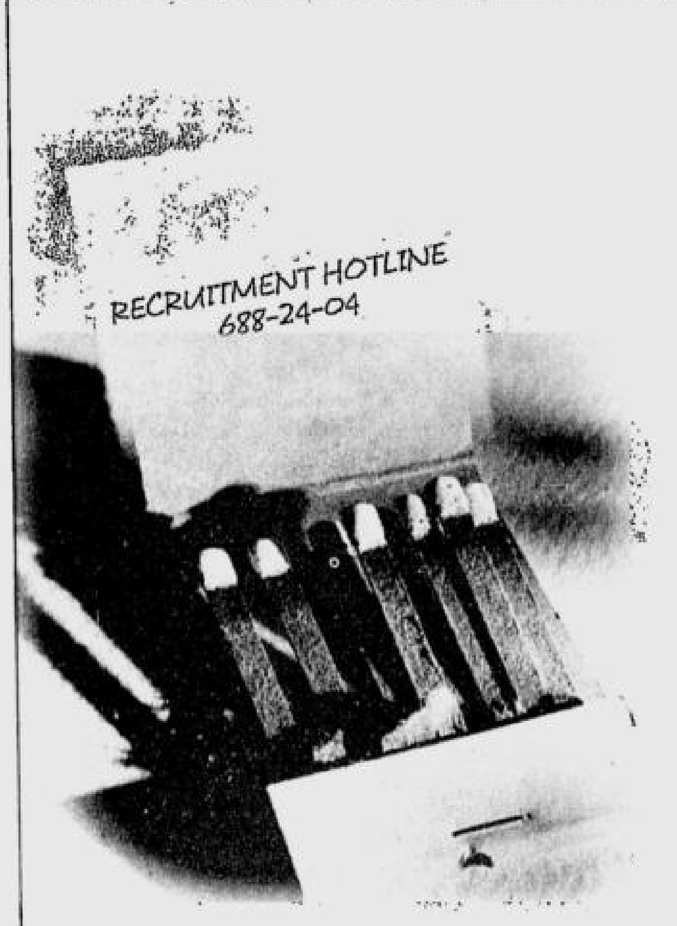

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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

VACANCY NO.: 2005/01-EXT
DATE ISSUED: 13 February 2005
CLOSING DATE: 25 February 2005

POST TITLE : RC Coordination Associate
ENTRY LEVEL : G7 step 1
OFFICE AND LOCATION : UNDP Philippines in Manila
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT : Fixed-term

II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall direction and immediate and guidance of the Advisor, Programme Support to the Resident Coordinator (RC), the RC Coordination Assistant will provide technical assistance to collaborative programming and activities of the UN Country Team (UNCT), liaise with relevant UN, government and non-government organizations, assist in information dissemination, advocacy and public relation activities of the Office of the Resident Coordinator and the UNCT and provide secretariat and administrative support to activities of the UNCT and inter-agency Working Groups.

Major duties and responsibilities:

A. Conceptualization and Implementation

(a) Research: conducts researches and studies on policy topics that will support collaborative programmes, including collecting, surfing, organizing and processing of data, statistics, and other information relevant to UN Country Team initiatives.
(b) Substantive inputs: prepares reports and presentation materials; provides inputs to draft TORs for various activities/consultants; assists UNDAF Working Groups and other inter-agency groups; assists in resource mobilization activities for joint UN programmes.
(c) Support for implementation of Collaborative Programmes: prepares logistics and relevant information (discussion points, activity profiles; backgrounders and briefing kits; field reports) for collaborative activities and missions; drafts/reviews reports and documents concerning the progress of collaborative programmes, providing comments as necessary; monitors project progress, determines bottlenecks and recommends alternative courses of management action to the RC advisor.
(d) Reporting: prepares appropriate inputs to the various reports/ publications of the Resident Coordinator's Office, including the RC annual report, preparation of the regular RC newsletter, and other reports required by the Resident Coordinator and Headquarters.
(e) Drafts speeches, prepares presentations for the RC, UNCT or RC Advisor
(f) Drafts correspondence/communications
(g) Assists the RC Advisor in preparing UNCT meetings; drafts the minutes of the meetings

B. Advocacy, Networking and Liaison Work

(a) Establishes and maintains liaison with staff of other UN agencies, project management and various government offices, NGOs peoples organization, and media on activities related to the work of the unit;
(b) Provides secretariat and coordination services for consultants recruited for specific UN Country Team projects and activities;
(c) Supervises development, implementation of UN media plans and activities, in close consultation with the UN Information Center (UNIC);
(d) Drafts information briefs or press releases / briefs and other information materials

C. Information Management

(a) Keeps Advisor informed of working group meetings
(b) Maintains master record of working group minutes with emphasis on Terms of References (TORs) and work plans
(c) Ensures that the UN website in the Philippines is updated and popularized

D. Events Management

(a) Assists the RC Advisor in the preparation of special events or activities of the UNCT, particularly in drafting letters of invitations, preparation of materials to be included in kits, and other technical concerns.
(b) Liaises with partners to ensure participation in these events
(c) Documents proceedings, prepares post-activity reports

E. Auxiliary Functions

(a) In the absence of the RC Advisor, represents the unit in meetings and conferences and undertakes appropriate actions to facilitate continued operations of the unit.

III. JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree in the field of social sciences or public or private management/administration or development studies, although preference shall be given to those with a Master's degree in such fields
- At least 6 years job experience in any development or policy-making or executing institution. Job should include research and event/project organizing experience.
- Good command of English, both oral and written; ability to write clearly and concisely and to be verbally articulate
- Computer literate (windows-based programs and applications)

The selected candidate will receive a salary depending on his/her background and work experience.
Applicants are requested to complete the UN Personal History Form (P.11), available in our website www.undp.org.ph/jobs/ and send to:

Human Resources Management Unit
United Nations Development Programme
30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza
Ayala Avenue, Makati City

Indicating the Vacancy No. and Post Title on or before 25 FEBRUARY 2005 Kindly note that only completed P11 forms will be reviewed UNDP is an equal opportunity employer and invites Filipino nationals to apply for the post. Please note that we will contact only the short-listed candidates.

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Qualifications:

- Excellent track record in one of the above mentioned areas
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- Excellent writing and presentation skills
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The successful applicant will have about five years of relevant work experience and is currently looking for a more challenging job.

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Please submit:

1. Resumé with at least 3 references with contact numbers
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- Female, 2005 Graduates
- Graduate of Psychology, Management and other business related course preferably from PUP
- Computer-literate

Interested applicants may send resumé with latest 2x2 pictures & Temporary Transcript of Record to:

P.O. Box #13802
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- Graduate of any business, communication, or psychology course
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- Good analytical ability
- Pleasing personality
- Proficient in MS office applications
- Female, not more than 24 years of age

HR ASSISTANTS

- Graduate of any business, communication or psychology course
- Will be assigned either in recruitment/background checking, employee relations, benefits administration or general HR
- Pleasing personality and good communication skills
- Willing to work on shifts
- Must be proficient in Windows applications
- Female, not more than 24 years of age

OFFICE CLERKS

- Graduate of any 2-year computer or business course or undergraduate with at least 2 years in college
- Preferably with experience in performing clerical functions
- Must be proficient in Windows applications
- Female, not more than 22 years of age

MIS ENGINEERS

- Graduate of Computer Engineering, with or without experience
- Must have knowledge on visual basic, programming, basic networking, installation, PC repair and troubleshooting.
- Should possess leadership qualities, are team-players and hardworking
- Must be willing to work on shifts
- Male or Female, not more than 23 years of age

COMPANY NURSE

- Will be responsible for the curative, palliative, preventive, rehabilitative and administrative aspects of employees' health care
- Graduate of BS Nursing, licensed
- Must be service-oriented and willing to work on shifts
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RECEPTIONIST

- Graduate of any 2 or 4-year course/degree
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- *Excellent English communication skills (oral and written)*

Call Center Operations Managers

To manage the production performance of all product support teams in the Contact Center Operations to ensure that client required service levels and productivity targets are met.

- *Bachelor's degree in Computer Science/Engineering/ECE and other IT/engineering related courses supplemented by an MBA or other related degree from a reputable school*
- *Progressively responsible experience in call center management (preferably in a tech support environment)*

Shift Supervisors

To provide management presence and support to the production activities of product support teams in an assigned shift so that required service levels and productivity targets are met.

- *Bachelor's degree in Computer Science/Engineering/ECE and other IT/engineering related courses*
- *3 years work experience in a call center/technical support environment, at least 1 year of which in a supervisory/senior level position.*

Operations Analyst

To gather and analyze production and other relevant data that impacts on the Company's continued growth and operations; coordinate the consolidation of Product Support plans and programs and integrating them with the corporate plan.

- *Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering, Statistics, Finance, Business or related discipline*
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Team Leaders

To lead a team of Product Support Representatives (PSR) in the provision of quality customer service through multi-channel support.

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To ensure that the technical support provided by the Product Support Personnel to customers is in accordance with service level standards and productivity requirements by call monitoring and evaluation

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Support Group:

HR Manager

To develop human resource programs, policies and procedures on recruitment, compensation and benefits, employee relations, and organization development, and advise management and staff on human resource administration

- *Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science or any related course supplemented by relevant MA/Units*
- *At least 5 years work experience in human resource administration/development functions, 3 years of which in a supervisory/managerial capacity*

HR Supervisor

To supervise a team of HR staff involved in recruitment; selection and placement; organization development and training activities.

- *Graduate of any 4 Year College Degree Course preferably in the areas of Behavioral and Social Sciences*
- *3 years experience in HR functions such as recruitment, training and development, 1 year of which in a supervisory or senior level capacity*

HR Specialists

To handle a team involved in recruitment; selection and placement; and organization development and training activities.

- *Graduate of any 4 Year College Degree Course preferably in the areas of Behavioral and Social Sciences*
- *At least 6 months experience in HR functions such as recruitment, training and development*

HR Assistants

To provide the needed manpower support to operations by hiring competent people; generating pool of applicants for different positions to meet the operations' target.

- *Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Human Resource Management, Behavioral Science or any related course*

Trainers

To conduct continuous training and development programs for the trainees and Product Support personnel.

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Administration Supervisors

To plan, organize, control and direct the various facilities management activities of the Company such as purchasing, inspection, deliveries, storekeeping and property control

- *Bachelor's degree in Commerce/Business Administration/Engineering/Computer Studies or other related course*
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Administration Assistants

To perform property management, asset inventory; purchasing; storekeeping activities and general administrative tasks.

- *Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Commerce, Management or any related course: or licensed Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering*

MIS Supervisor

To plan, organize, control and lead a team of MIS personnel in operating and maintaining the telecommunications and IT infrastructure

- *Bachelor's degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering/Computer Engineering or other related course*
- *Three years work experience in computer hardware/networking and telecommunications, at least 1 year of which is in a supervisory/senior level capacity*

MIS Assistants

To ensure that the administration; implementation and maintenance of the Company's network infrastructure is at optimum level at all times as required in the production floor.

- *Bachelor's degree in Computer Science/Computer Engineering or other related course*
- *At least 6 months work experience in computer hardware/ networking*

Accounting Manager

To take charge of planning and directing accounting activities in the Accounting Department by developing, administering and maintaining accounting systems and related procedures, corporate books of accounts and other accounting records

- *Bachelor's degree in Accounting supplemented by MBA units, CPA required*
- *Five years work experience in accounting, 3 years of which in a supervisory capacity*

Accounting Supervisors

To supervise the maintenance and implementation of accounting systems and related procedures, corporate books of accounts and other accounting records, prepare financial statements and other external reports

- *Graduate of Business Management or Accountancy*
- *At least 1 year experience in performing Accounting functions*

Accounting Assistants

To prepare financial reports, process payments and document finances.

- *Graduate of Business Management or Accountancy*
- *At least 6 months experience in performing Accounting functions*

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- Excellent communication skills

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UNDP

The PELMATP (Philippine Efficient Lightning Market Transformation) Project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and implemented by the Department of Energy (DOE) is in search of qualified candidates for the posts of **Project Manager, Finance Officer, Administrative Officer, and Task Specialist for Capacity Development and Financing** to be based at the DOE Office in Taguig City.

The PELMATP is intended to address the barriers to widespread utilization of energy efficient lighting (EEL) systems in the Philippines.

Project Manager

– Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance; directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities:

General Activities

The primary task of the Project Manager is to plan, organize and implement PELMATP. He/she will be responsible for the management of input mobilization and day-to-day project operations including timely resolution of issues, problems or bottlenecks. He/she will report directly to the Project Director, representing the DOE. He/she will manage the technical and administrative staff under the PMO with multidisciplinary capabilities in EEL systems, policy formulations, financing, information, education and communication (IEC), and environmental management. The Project Manager shall be mainly responsible for the ff. tasks:

Specific Activities

1. Preparation of work plans, budget, and TORs of consultants, trainers and subcontractors;
2. Supervision of technical and administrative staff of the PMO;
3. Coordination, supervision and guidance of international and national consultants and contractors working under the different components of the project;
4. Preparation and dissemination of project reports and other information materials;
5. Arrangements of project review meetings and effective coordination of project activities;
6. Administration of counterpart contribution by the government and other institutions co-financing the project;
7. Maintenance of books and records on financial activities;
8. Submission of timely and accurate financial reports and progress reports to UNDP; and
9. Monitoring and evaluation of the progress of project activities and potential risks involved
10. Submission of Performance Target Worksheets (PTW) and Performance Evaluation Report (PER) of PMO staff.

Qualifications:

1. Education - University Graduate in Engineering, Business Administration, Economics or any other relevant field preferably, with a Masters Degree in the same or any other relevant field.
2. Experience
   a) At least 5 years of proven track record on project management experience, and at least three years experience in energy efficiency, preferably on efficient lighting;
   b) Track record of, or proven, senior management reporting skills;
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3. Others
   a) Excellent English communication skills, both written and verbal. Skilled presenter of ideas in one on one situations and in symposia;
   b) Highly self-motivated, with good leadership skills; Capable of planning, initiating and managing multi-disciplinary activities within the context of a multi-donor international project; and
   c) With good appreciation of, strong links with, and can work well with the Philippine lighting industry and other stakeholders.

Finance Officer

– Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance; directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities:

General Activities

The Finance Officer shall be responsible for the accurate and appropriate recording of disbursements of Project funds; maintaining the set of books required according to UNDP accounting procedures, classifying and summarizing financial transactions of the project and the generation of required financial reports. He/She will also be responsible in updating all other books of accounts such as subsidiary ledgers and special registers.

Specific Activities

a) Installation and implementation of a GEF financial system that records transactions that utilize GEF Funds in accordance with UNDP's existing guidelines on national execution;
b) Orientation of staff on the use of the project's financial systems and procedures;
c) Proper recording of financial transactions and submit a regular report on the project's financial status;
d) Certifying correctness of journals, vouchers, bills, statement of accounts, trial balance, budget estimates and other financial statement and records;
e) Preparation of certification of the availability of funds and/or allotment of expenses, vouchers and requisition for supplies, materials, etc.;
f) Preparation of annual and quarterly budgets including the necessary budget revisions based on the corresponding line-item-budgets approved by DOE;
g) Establishment of a project account and ensure appropriateness and proper record keeping of transactions;
h) Supervision of the preparation of payroll and general voucher of salaries, and other documentary requirements for disbursements;
i) Preparation of updated reports on disbursements made by the project, and advise the Project Team on the overall financial status of the project;
j) Preparation of a system of accounts that records all the in-cash and in-kind contributions of co-financing entities to the Project; and
k) Provide technical inputs in the implementation of the various financing mechanisms that will be developed under the PELMATP.

Qualifications:

1. Education – University Graduate in Accounting, preferably Master's Degree in the same or any other relevant field.
2. Experience
   a) A Certified Public Accountant with a minimum of 5 years experience
   b) Proven track record in project management such as in meeting deadlines, timely submission of acceptable deliverables, etc.;
3. Others
   a) Excellent English communication skills, both written and verbal;
   b) Knowledge of the Atlas or any systems similar to PeopleSoft
   c) With satisfactory skills on the use of office software packages such as MS Word, Excel and Power Point
   d) Good interpersonal skills.

Administrative Officer

– Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance; directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities

General Activities

The Administrative Officer shall be responsible in providing administrative support to the operations of PMO, supervising administrative staff and ensuring the smooth functioning of administrative systems under the project. He/She will report directly to the Project Manager.

Specific Activities

1. Development and establishment of administrative system and procedures consistent with UNDP's national execution mode, in the form of a Manual, for the guidance of project staff, consultants and subcontractors;
2. Establishment of a record of management system (meetings and events) for the project both in paper and electronic form;
3. Maintenance of files of all personnel, consultants and subcontractor actively engaged in the project;
4. Preparation and maintenance of travel plans and procurement plans for the project;
5. Supervision of the procurement of equipment, supplies and sundries as may be needed in the Project, in accordance with UNDP guidelines;
6. Maintenance of an updated inventory of all supplies, equipment and compilations/safekeeping guidelines for the proper use and maintenance of office equipment and properties;
7. Supervision of the overall administrative activities related to project implementation; and
8. Preparation of annual and quarterly work plan of activities for approval by DOE.
9. He/She shall also provide the following:
   a) Assistance to the technical operations of PMO;
   b) Monitoring of project activities and outputs;
   c) Secretariat support to workshops, seminars and trainings; and
   d) Other technical inputs in the various project activities as may be applicable to his/her academic background.

Qualifications:

1. Education – University Graduate in Public Administration, Business Management, Social Sciences, and Economics, preferably with Masters Degree in Business Management or any other relevant field.
2. Experience
   a) Minimum 5 years experience as Business Manager or Office Administrator.
   b) Proven track record in project management such as in meeting deadlines, timely submission of acceptable deliverables, etc.;
3. Others
   a) Excellent English communication skills, both written and verbal;
   b) With satisfactory skills on the use of office software packages such as MS Word, Excel and Power Point.
   c) Good interpersonal skills.
   d) Preferably with driver's license.

Task Specialist for Capacity Development and Financing

– Initial duration of employment is one (1) year, but may be extended based on performance; directly supervised by Project Director.

Duties and Responsibilities:

General Activity

The Capacity Development and Financing Specialist shall be responsible in providing technical inputs, as well as administrative, to the PMO on various activities of the project specifically on the aspects of institutional and technical capacity development and project financing. He/She will coordinate logistics, monitor the conduct of the activities according to specified/agreed timetable, evaluate the outputs and outcomes of the activities, and provide recommendations to address the activity level for the following components of PELMATP:

- EEL Institutional and Technical Capacity Building Program (Component 2); and,
- EEL Initiatives Financing Assistance Program (Component 4).

He/She shall assist the Project Manager in formulating strategies towards the institutionalization and long-term sustainability of the above-mentioned PELMATP Project components. He/She shall also be responsible for ensuring adherence to the prescribed management criteria (e.g, approved terms of reference, contractual obligations, quality control, etc) is followed in the execution of the activities under the above-cited project components. He/She will also be responsible in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of these activities according to the prescribed procedures.

Specific Activities

1. Regular reporting to Project Manager on the status of project activities vis-à-vis target outputs;
2. Synthesis of the activities and outputs of consultants and subcontractors involved in the said Project Components;
3. Provision of assistance in the management of project risk;
4. Provision of technical inputs during the conduct of annual advisory group meetings and the quarterly TWG meetings and in the preparation of quarterly financial/project progress reports;
5. Provision of technical inputs in the preparation of annual project reports/project implementation review (APR/PIR) reports and others as required by the UNDP;
6. Undertake various administrative activities that may be deemed necessary in the expedient performance of his/her duties and responsibilities under the PELMATP Project.

Qualifications:

1. Education – University Graduate in Engineering, Public Administration, Business Management, and Economics; preferably with Master's Degree in the same or any other relevant field.
2. Experience
   a) Minimum 5 years experience in institutional and technical capacity building in the energy sector and energy project financing;
   b) Proven track record in project management, preferably in foreign assisted projects;
3. Others
   a) Excellent English communication skills, both written and verbal;
   b) With good appreciation of and strong links with the Philippine lighting industry and financing institutions; and
   c) With satisfactory skills on the use of office software packages such as MS Word, Excel and Power Point.

The United Nations strongly encourages applications from qualified women candidates.

While the PELMATP project offers an equal employment opportunity, only Filipino professionals are invited for these specific posts.

All application letters and comprehensive resumes should reach our office on or before 21 February 2005. Address applications to the Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue corner Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue 1226 Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), tel. nos. (63 2) 901 0100.

This advertisement shall remain posted in www.undp.org.ph until 21 February 2005.

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PROJECT CONSULTANT (MINDANAO-BASED)

The Mindanao-based Project Consultant will provide staff function to the UNICEF coordinating center for humanitarian action for children in conflict areas in Cotabato City and provide technical assistance in related activities. The consultancy will be for eight (8) months.

Description of Responsibilities

Under the overall direction and guidance of the Project Officer, Child Protection, the Mindanao-based Project Consultant is expected to establish formal links with the GOP-MILF peace panels and ceasefire monitoring groups and identify possible areas of co-operations for the promotion of non-recruitment of minors and the provision of community-based basic social services for children and women in conflict area. The consultant will establish a network of local and international groups that are doing humanitarian work in communities affected by armed conflicts in Central and Western Mindanao, facilitate the conduct of needs assessment in Mindanao data by coordinating social preparation of key informants and communities in chosen research sites. The consultant will likewise monitor the implementation of UNCEF-assisted activities and assist in initiating, fine tuning and monitoring and reporting on interventions in selected areas. Also, the consultant will provide the Manila office with accurate updates on the situation in Mindanao and regular feedbacks on the progress of activities in conflict areas in Mindanao.

Selection Criteria

- Advanced University Degree in related technical field. Current knowledge of development and technology in related field.
- 5 years experience in programme planning, management, monitoring, and evaluation in related field. Experience in emergency and humanitarian work an advantage.
- Proven ability to conceptualize, develop, plan and manage programmes as well as to transfer knowledge and skills.
- Good analytical, negotiating, communication and advocacy skills.
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment.
- Knowledge of computer management and applications.
- Fluent in English and Filipino, both oral and written. Knowledge of local working dialect/s, desirable.
- Extensive knowledge of Mindanao.
- Has a wide network of contacts among humanitarian organizations and related agencies

Please send your application on or before **February 23, 2005** to:

The HR UNIT
UNICEF Manila, 31/F Yuchengco Tower
RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Ave. cor. Sen. Gil
Puyat Ave., Makati City Fax: 901-0196
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A certified Public Accountant that will lead the Accounting Department. Should have at least five (5) years experience in a management position. Qualities preferred: Orientation to cost and control, focus to budget adherence and ability to work with team members.

All applications will be kept strictly confidential.

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- With pleasant personality, active, a team player, and can work under minimum supervision.

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MEDIA BUYER

Key Responsibilities:

- purchase media space or time, as well as develop the campaign and research how it will be most effective for the client
- find a combination of media that will enable the client to communicate the message in the most effective manner possible at the minimum cost.

Requirements:

- strong command of written and spoken English with excellent presentation skills
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- good software knowledge in Microsoft Word, Excel and, Power Point
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- flexibility
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For full information and to download an application form, please visit our website.

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USAID Contract No: 492-C-00-02-00018-00

URGENT REQUIREMENT

GEM Zamboanga Office Area Manager

Employee Classification Code PROFESSIONAL
Unit and Location: MANAGEMENT / ZAMBOANGA AREA OFFICE
Person reporting to GEM PROGRAM MANAGER
Period of Engagement: ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE ANNUALLY

GENERAL PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE POSITION

The Area Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM2) Program and its sub-projects in the area of responsibility, including the overall supervision of the day to day activities of the area management office.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

1) **Area Management (60%)**
   - Overall administrative supervision of activities of the area office.
   - Assess the Business Support Organizations (BSOs) current level of organizational and financial viability and level of services extended to their members in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) island provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Zamboanga Peninsula.
   - Provide technical assistance and support to BSOs to achieve organizational and financial sustainability.
   - Coordinate, and on request, provide assistance to other GEM2 Program teams such as the Targetted Commodity Expansion Project (TCEP), Infrastructure, Governance, Education and Policy and the LEAP Program.
   - Support other GEM2 Program activities in the ARMM conflict-affected areas of Mindanao.
   - Provide support to other USAID Programs in the area.
   - Responsible for the implementation of the Special Activities Funds (SAFs) and submit post activity reports after each SAF activity in the area.
2) **Seaweed/Carrageenan Industry Coordination (35%)**
   - Provide technical, coordinative, and advocacy assistance in the development and management of the seaweed/carrageenan industry in Mindanao.
   - Link with key industry players from the private and public sectors in the development and management of the seaweed/carrageenan industry of Mindanao.
3) **Perform other related duties as assigned (5%)**

Minimum Qualifications: College degree with at least seven years experience in project development and management with background in fisheries, aquaculture, agribusiness, rural development and financial management. Proficient in oral and written communications

Preferred Qualifications: Masteral or doctoral degree; relevant experience in project management and operations of rural development projects funded by donors such as USAID and ADB.

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Interested individuals are requested to submit original copies of their letter of interest, statement of experience and qualifications, and salary history addressed to GEM Contracts Manager to the following address:

The Louis Berger Group, Inc. Unit 3, 12/F, ExportBank Plaza, Sen. Gil J. Puyat corner Don Chino Roces Avenues, Makati City 1200. Tel: (02) 812-1647 or fax to GEM Davao office at (082) 225-1479. Deadline of submission is February 21, 2005.

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- Proficient in Windows applications and Internet/Email communications
- Can work with minimum supervision
- Highly flexible and with excellent communication skills

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- Psychology / Behavioral Science graduate
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Under the overall guidance of the UNFPA Area Officer, the technical guidance of the UNFPA Administrative and Finance Assistants and the immediate supervision of the UNFPA Provincial Project Coordinator (for Luzon and Visayas) or the Project Area Coordinator (for Mindanao), ten (10) UNFPA Provincial Administrative–cum-Finance Assistants will be hired for the provinces of Ifugao, Mountain Province, Masbate, Eastern Samar, Bohol, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, Lanao Sur, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu. They will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist the Provincial or Area Coordinators and the designated Provincial/ Municipal Focal Persons in the establishment of the Provincial/Municipal Project Management Units (PMUs) and in the installation of the administrative and financial systems and procedures in these project units.
2. Handle all correspondence and communications pertaining to the provincial and municipal UNFPA projects. Take charge of records management and provide secretarial services such as minutes-taking, accepting and making phone calls, etc.
3. Attend to the administrative needs of the projects including procurement and distribution of office supplies and equipment and their maintenance.
4. Handle all financial transactions of the provincial and municipal projects. Closely monitor the status of funds utilization in the province and municipalities.
5. Assist the province and municipalities in the accomplishment of financial forms and preparation of reports, on a quarterly basis, and consolidate them for submission to UNFPA Finance in Manila.
6. Coordinate the conduct of the provincial and municipal audits.
7. Perform other tasks that may be assigned by the UNFPA Area Officer, UNFPA AFA, or the Provincial or Area Project Coordinator .

Qualifications:

Must be a graduate of business administration, accounting or HR-related courses, preferably a CPA.
Must have at least 5 years of experience in accounting and finance, administration and human resource management, working with foreign-assisted projects.
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- Good oral and written communications skills
- Preferably with accounting related work experience

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How Consumer Analysis Affects Business Strategy
Speaker: Mr. Ricardo de Vera
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Day 2 – March 3, 2005 (Thursday)

Link Up Session – 1:00 – 1:30 pm

Session 3 – 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Crucial Areas in Market Segmentation, Targeting and Positioning
Speaker: Ms. Ma. Teresa V. Gargantiel*
Senior Executive Officer, Jimenez Basic

Session 4 - 3:45 – 5:30 pm
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Speaker: Ms. Vivian Faustino
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Day 3 – March 4, 2005 (Friday)

Link Up Session – 1:00 – 1:30 pm

Session 5 – 1:30 – 3:30 pm
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Charisma: what will it do for you?

By Dr. Tony Alessandra

WHAT do real leaders have that can inspire you and draw you to them, that can cause you perform beyond expectations to accomplish their goals? Is it speaking well ... or being socially adroit ... or projecting an attractive, exciting image?

Actually, it's all that—and more.

For lack of a better term, we often group such qualities under the term charisma. It is the ability to positively influence others by connecting with them physically, emotionally and intellectually.

In brief, it's what makes people like you and enjoy being around you...even when they don't know much about you. This personal magnetism can exist at the level of mass movements—such as politicians and evangelists—or in the small-scale encounters of everyday life, such as the shop owner who makes you feel so comfortable and valuable that you cheerfully drive a few extra miles to her store.

Here are the seven main components of charisma:

1. **Your silent message**. You unconsciously send out signals to others. Maybe you look them right in the eye, or maybe you stare at your shoes when you talk. Perhaps you slump your shoulders, or maybe you square them confidently. You may fail to smile naturally or shake hands firmly, or you might dress in a way that's not you. All these shape your image and affect the people you want to lead.

2. **Your persuasive talent**. No idea, however great, ever gets anywhere until it's adopted. Charismatic executives can distill complex ideas into simple messages so that even the guy who sweeps the floor understands what the company stands for and why that's important.

3. **Your ability to speak well.** You may have a zillion terrific ideas, but who will know if you can't articulate them?

4. **Your listening skill.** Rarely taught and infrequently practiced, listening is nonetheless a key to communicating and making others feel special in your presence.

5. **Your use of space and time.** Again, though it's often overlooked, use of spatial and temporal territories can make or break relationships.

6. **Your ability to adapt to others**. Building rapport means understanding other people's personalities, then adapting your own behavior to increase compatibility.

7. **Your vision, your ideas.** Regardless of how strong and persuasive a speaker you are, how adept you are at connecting with others, how well you listen, use your space or time, or send out silent signals, you've still got to have something to say ... or you'll just be an empty suit.

So, it's not a single ingredient that makes a person charismatic, and, more important, charisma isn't based on I.Q., genetics, social position, wealth, or luck. Instead, it can be learned.

Why charisma matters

Learning to improve your charisma is more important than ever. Why?

Change calls for strong, mesmerizing leaders.

In our age of startups, acquisitions, turnarounds, mergers, demergers, new regulatory climates, and all other sorts of rapid, unpredictable change, especially in business, that's more true than ever.

Television and our general emphasis on the visual make charismatic people more effective.

Our expectations have risen. We've come to demand more from people than mere competence. When even the local car dealer or supermarket manager can be seen as articulate, personable, and persuasive in a slick TV ad, we no longer readily accept those who squirm, stumble over their words, and don't quite look us in the eye.

The old-fashioned kind of hierarchy, the command-and-control environment, is passe. Even the highest-ranking officials need more than their title to get people to accept their ideas. Instead, in this era of "empowerment," when empathy and support are revered, charismatic people stand out because they're communicators who are able to see things from another's perspective and, thus, continually seek to find the common ground.

Those with personal magnetism, or charisma, are usually self-confident optimists. Viewing almost all problems as solvable—focusing on desired results rather than possible failures—helps encourage people to step forward and convert fear into challenge.

All of these are reasons for you to try to greatly improve your charisma.

Connecting with people

A person who develops his or her charisma is likely to do well in all aspects of life. That's because, on several different levels, they better connect with people. By definition, the charismatic person is more other-directed, more empathic. That gives them more personal power—and that's a big plus for anybody.

As you seek to improve you charisma and personal power, remember that when people feel someone is making them do something, they're often frustrated and resentful—and as a result, they dig in their heels. The truly charismatic person, strives to create feelings of collaboration and equality. They approach others interactively and try to give them a choice.

Testing this doesn't require a big, important issue. Everyday tasks will suffice. For example, saying "Copy this report" is a mild form of coercion from a position of power. But asking "Would you mind copying this report?" or "Do you have time to copy this report right now?" is more interactive.

Similarly, you can't successfully order employees to "Be more productive!" or "Improve your efficiency!" But you can organize them into teams, for instance, or create suggestion systems that really work, and give people more information about the company's profits and losses.

Enhancing your charisma

In addition, recognize another person's achievements, contributions, and particular skills. Catch someone doing something right! And celebrate those successes. Everyone wants to feel that they're on a winning team.

Be aggressively optimistic and willing to be the first to do something and to take the heat if it doesn't work out. Charismatic people have heard all the bromides about why you can't rock the corporate boat ("We've never done it that way before." "It's too radical a change."), but they just pay less attention to them.

Instead, they relish a challenge, not just for themselves but for their followers, too, who wish to take risks and be allowed to make some mistakes. So if you give your people some control over resources and influence over how to do a task, you'll help them build self-confidence.

In fact, the charismatic person often good-naturedly challenges, prods and pokes as he or she encourages others to stretch themselves.

The potential to be charismatic leader is within you, too. And the payoff for doing so has never been higher.

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Where do all overqualified, not-so-young professionals go?

From page 10★★

your name. Be known as the expert in your chosen field. Offer free professional advice to some possible clients. Join organizations in advocacy and developmental projects.

Keep your saw sharp

1. **Keep abreast with developments in your chosen field.** Don't just know what the market leaders are doing in setting the rules—try to join the rule makers in making the rules in your industry.

2. **Patch up with headhunters or professional consultants or contractors who might need your services.** If you find it difficult going back to the mainstream by dealing directly with possible employers, use headhunters or consultants. (You can e-mail me at ec4u@edsamail.com.ph)

3. **Keep busy.** Whatever you do, never be idle. Learn, teach, have a hobby, find other interests, exercise—never be out of anything to do.

4. **Be realistic in your expectations.** While you are not expected to agree to minimal wages, don't expect perks that you used to enjoy. It is hard to bargain if you are out of work. Know the going rates for your level of expertise in the market. Realize that you have to compete with young and cheap labor.

5. **If you get stuck again because you are overqualified, look around for better opportunities.** You don't have to stoop and adjust to whatever job is available. You know that you can bring value to an organization—look for that organization.

6. **Always believe in yourself.** This is probably the most important tip. The moment you stop believing in yourself, you just simply stop.

So, you're overqualified and not so young? There are great opportunities if you know how and where to find them!

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Promote productivity through safe computer use

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

FOR THE PAST few days, I had this pain in the neck. Literally. Every day I would wake up to a morning that promised endless possibilities until I would sit on my director's chair in front of my laptop. Then the promise would crumble and all I would feel was this slow discomfort that would start at the nape of my neck and run slowly down my lower back. After a few hours, the discomfort would progress into real pain. A few more saved documents and answered e-mails and the pain would turn into a solid numbness that would force me off my chair to stretch and wince. I knew what the problem was. In fact, I have known it for so long. Yet, I never bothered to do anything about it until lately when the pain started to upstage my endless assignments and deadlines.

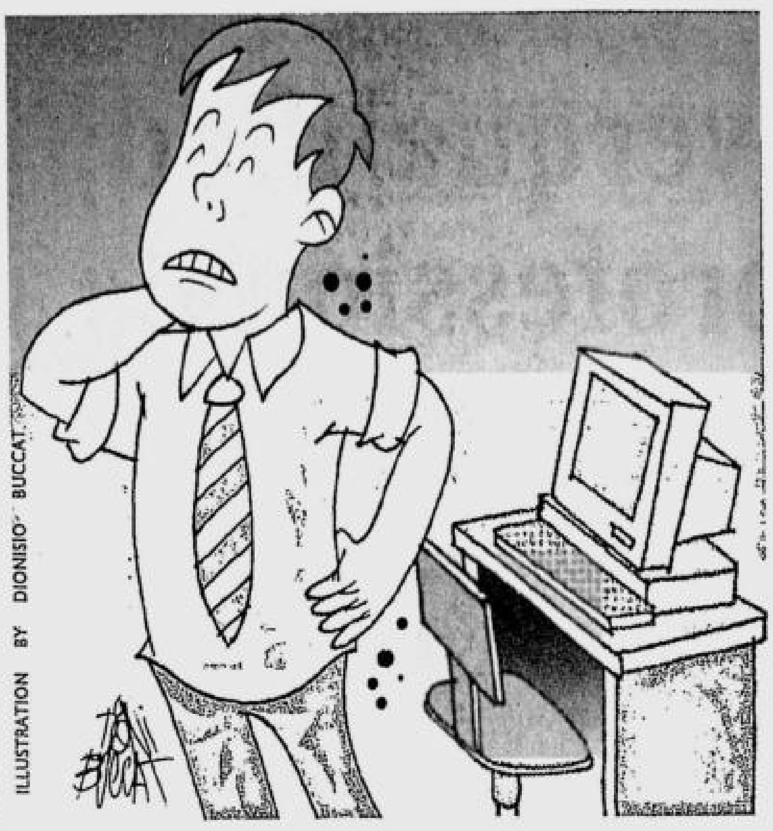
It was time for some serious overhaul. And by overhaul I meant redesigning my workspace. Some call the idea healthy computing, others safe computing. Call it whatever you want but the idea is to design a work area that reduces discomfort, enables easy access and promotes productivity and creativity. However, in a world of uniformity and conformity where rows upon rows of computers sit next to each other in front of uniform company-issued swivel chairs, customizing your workspace may be difficult. But if your back or neck complains, then you have more than enough reason to march up to your office administration and demand some changes all in the name of comfort and productivity.

Sit up

According to Open Ergonomics, a company that specializes in ergonomics design, some health problems arise from improper computer use. "Most of these problems can be helped by making straightforward changes to the layout of your desk and computer," says an expert from www. openerg. com. Experts say that bad work habits often result to symptoms that escalate quickly. Symptoms often start from persistent discomfort and advance to chronic pain. Muscle pain relievers or a little stretching might alleviate the discomfort for a while but eventually, this may lead to the end of your career or to the deterioration of the quality of life.

Because of this, Open Ergonomics strongly suggests to act on it quickly. Don't wait for someone to take care of the problem for you. It's as simple as changing your chair or checking your posture. Adjust your chair and screen to a position that is most comfortable for you. According to the Health and Safety Executive of Hampshire County Council in Southern England, the chair's backrest should always support the lower back. Adjust the backrest so that you can sit upright. Slouching causes the spine to curve outwards thus putting pressure on the spine's discs.

Also, make sure that the cushion is not too long to prevent pinching the back of the knees. If the chair is too high, you don't have to replace it. Opt for a footrest. A footrest could be custom-made, bought from a furniture store or it could simply be a couple of stacked yellow pages. A footrest is advisable if your chair is too high to prevent slipping on your derriere, which encourages slumping or slouching.



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Heads up

The eyes should always be at level with the top of your screen with the neck on neutral position. Improper head and neck positions guarantee neck strain and headache. The average head weighs around 8 to 12 pounds. That's a lot of weight for the neck to carry. Imagine how much more difficult it is for the neck if you tilt your head forward often. The neck muscles have to work continuously to balance the head causing compression on the neck vertebrae. This is one reason why it is a good idea to practice touch typing. Touch typing will lessen the incidences of looking down at the keyboard. A document holder will also prevent you from looking down constantly.

Conversely, it would be just as difficult for the neck if you tilted your head back. Experts also strongly recommend against positioning the monitor at the side. This would make you to twist your neck often when working.

Hands forward

Although your fingers may be doing all the work, your wrists and forearms are also getting the beating. To make it easy on your upper limbs, the forearms should be approximately horizontal to the keyboard and the mouse positioned within reach to avoid stretching the arms. Try to keep your wrists straight when using the keyboard and mouse. Wrists and the forearms angled downwards cause the wrist tendons to rub. Never place your keyboard at an angle to the edge of the desk. Doing so will either bend the wrists sideways or twist the spine. Poor wrist posture results to stress, strain and even serious limb disorders like repetitive strain injury.

Open Ergonomics also recommends applying light keystrokes. Most people are unaware that they hit the keys three or four times harder than they should.

According to www.abilitynet.org.uk, a guide to making computers accessible, there are many alternatives to the standard keyboard that can make typing more comfortable. If your work is characterized by pages upon pages of documentation or encoding, it would be best to invest in an ergonomically designed keyboard. Ergonomic keyboards alleviate stress or discomfort caused by intensive or prolonged typing. Other alternatives include compact keyboards, keyguards and large keyboards.

"As well as being able to control your computer from the keyboard alone, there are also many alternatives to the normal mouse that many people will find easier to use," recommends Abilitynet's experts. The ergonomic mice, for example, can adjust to fit a range of different hand sizes. Because it is ergonomic, it conforms to the natural shape of the hand. There are different types of ergonomic mice. The Whale mouse adjusts to fit a range of hand sizes while a countour comes in different sizes. Other alternatives to look for are trackballs, touchpads, joysticks, touch screens and even head and eye controlled mice. If you go fitting for shoes, there is no reason why you shouldn't try out different shapes and sizes that best suit you.

Eye contact

According to the Hampshire County Council, no evidence has been found that links visual display units (VDU) to permanent eye damage. However, long exposure to VDUs can cause discomfort and eyestrain. To avoid this, make sure the screen is roughly an arm's length (25 inches) away. Glare or reflections often cause headaches. To avoid glare and reflections, angle the screen 5 to 15 percent off the vertical. Using blinds or curtains can also prevent harsh light coming from windows causing glare.

If you constantly refer to a document or a book, use a desk lamp or light to illuminate the document to the same brightness as your screen. If your screen flickers, it may be the best time for you to change your monitor. If you're on a budget, play with the display settings to set a faster refresh rate or vertical frequency. Set brightness and contrast screen controls to a comfortable level. This can often be done directly to the monitor or through the computer's control panel. You'd be surprised how a change in background color can do wonders.

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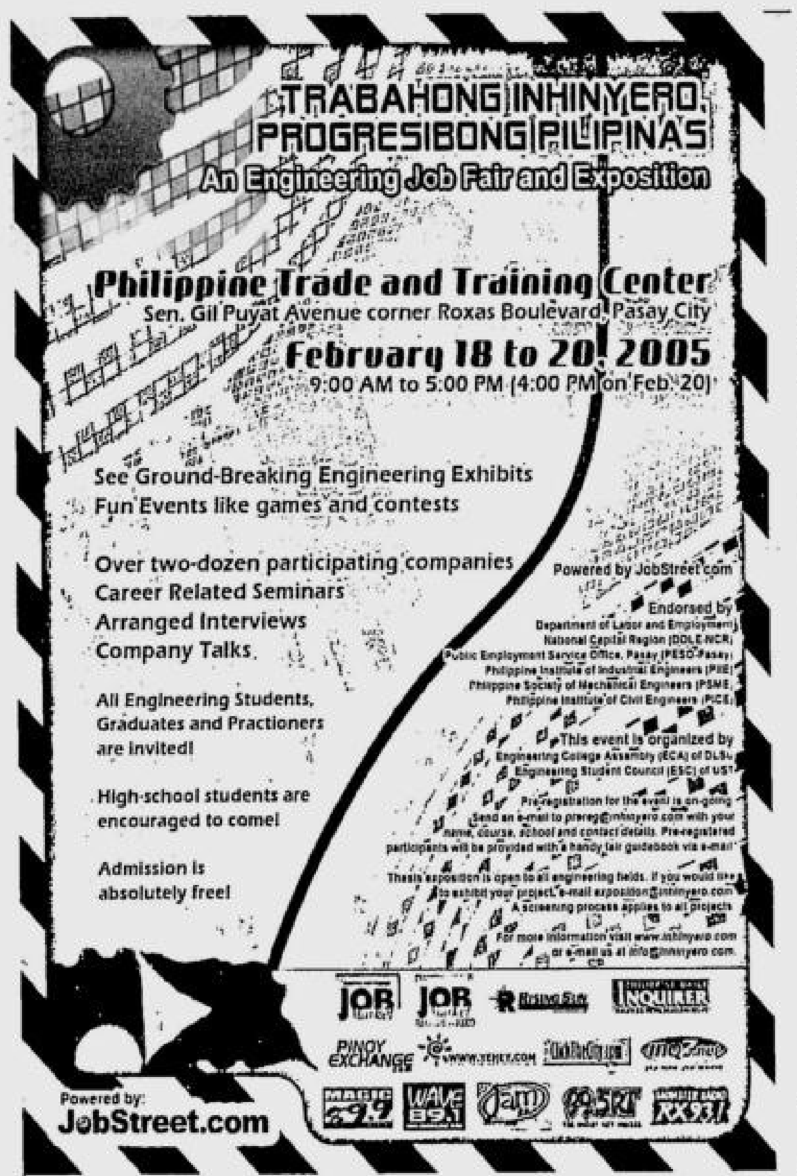

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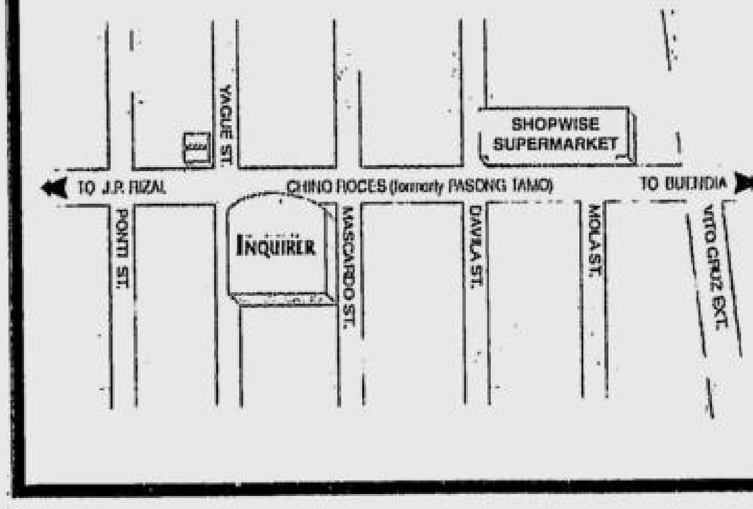

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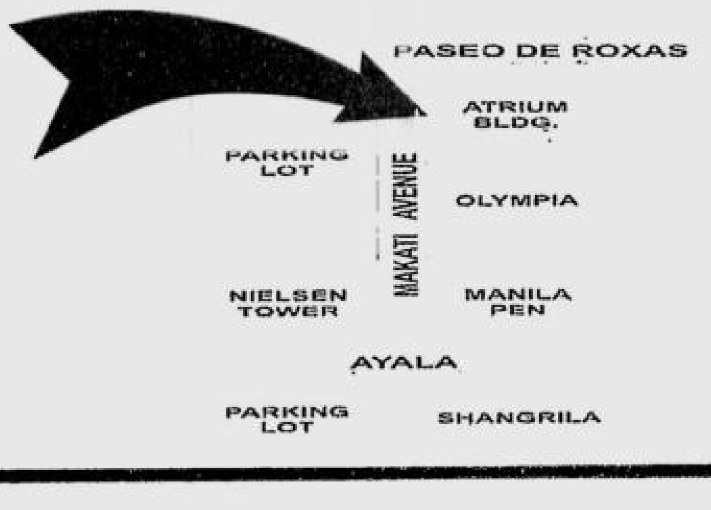

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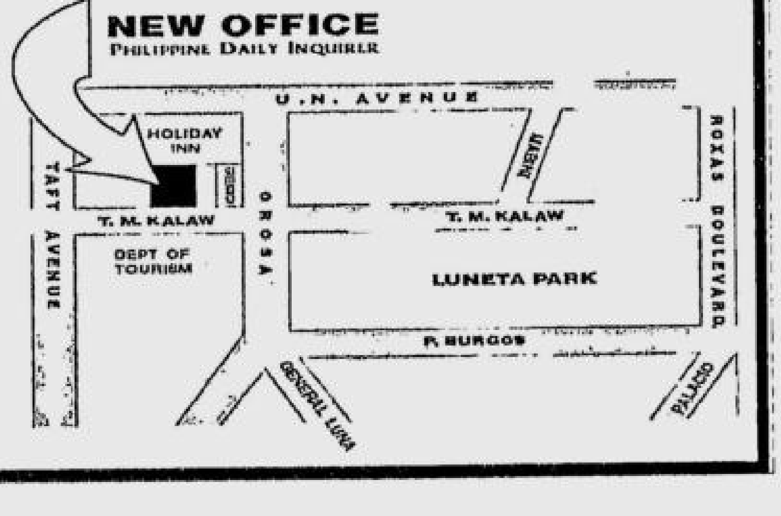

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Where do all overqualified, not-so-young professionals go?

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I READ with great interest your column about Ms Overqualified But Stuck. I sympathize with her. She seems to have such great academic credentials but is stuck anyway in a job that may not bring her anywhere. I would like to say to her, "Pack your gear and look for a place where your potentials may be more appreciated." Such a young person and already unhappy! I wonder where are the headhunters? Your insights and very helpful analysis of her predicament are excellent; I couldn't agree more.

I would just have filed this column among my best-read loot but I thought I'd write you also about the predicament of some overqualified professionals, but who are not young anymore. You know, professionals who are no longer in their prime or who are beyond 40 and above. I belong to this category and I have observed that the age factor has become our undoing. I can count on my fingers, companies who may not bet on an "old crow." Nothing really is equal on earth, despite the "equal opportunity and affirmative action" for minority groups (where we belong). But you will say, that is only good in the United States.

It is such a shame if professional headhunters like you would pass us over for younger applicants just because we are not within your demographics. While we may no longer be young, we possess a wealth of knowledge and the maturity to make decisions on our feet and can very well hit the road running. We have also gone through a lot of learning experiences with a list of best practices already tucked in our belt. We also no longer have to deal with the seasonal flu, bum stomach and running fever of children left at home or insecure husbands still climbing the career ladder. At this point, we are also more astute, savvy, smarter and not really bad looking either.

Gigi

You speak well in behalf of the more senior professionals in the workforce today who are either unemployed or underemployed. There are thousands of 40-and-above professionals who took early retirement in some multinationals and are just waiting for the right opportunity to go back into the mainstream. Many are living on interest from their retirement pay and enjoying their newfound freedom from corporate slavery. Others regret that they were induced by the hefty separation package to retire and are now idle. Still others have tried being entrepreneurs and have realized too late the difference between having one's own business and the eight-to-five routine.

Here's the good news though—there is a niche in the employment market that fits highly competent but not-so-young professionals. In fact, I know quite a few multinationals willing to outsource some of their key support services to professionals like you. Of course, there is some difficulty going back into the mainstream, despite the advantages you cited.

Oldies but goodies

These more advanced professionals (let's call them "muppies," mature urban professionals, as opposed to yuppies) offer tremendous advantage to companies who are willing to explore a new kind of working relationship. As you said, you "no longer have to deal with the seasonal flu, bum stomach and running fever of children left at home, or insecure husbands still climbing the career ladder." You are also "more astute, savvy, smarter and not really bad looking either." On day one of the engagement, these muppies can produce results without need for lengthy training and orientation. Temporary project engagements are usually more cost effective for mature companies with full-blown benefit packages.

Bias for the young

However, many companies prefer young, quick-to-learn-and-adapt professionals who do not carry excess baggage. You can't blame these companies because there are so many young techies willing to try on just about any job today. Most are skilled, trainable and technology-savvy.

Like it or not, some jobs require youth—and perhaps, inexperience sometimes. The muppies can leave the front office, marketing support and other frontline jobs to the yuppies. But there are backroom jobs or projects that will certainly benefit from the experience and competence of the muppies. In the end, both will have to compete for whatever jobs are available and prove to their prospective employers their value to the organization.

Here are a few suggestions that the out-of-job, not-so-young professionals can take should they wish to become more competitive in the employment market:

Know and sell yourself well

1. **Know your competence.** Find out your real distinctive competence— where you can really provide the most value to any organization you join. Learn how to market that competence via various media.

2. **Make a great resumé that highlights competencies more than work history.** If you can afford it, open a personal web site that prospective employers can visit. Have a thorough marketing plan using all possible media—with you as the product.

3. **Join professional organizations.** Be active in your professional circle—offer your time and contribution in managing the affairs of the organization. If you can, write or talk during important meetings, conferences or other occasions.

4. **Develop a "brand"—**

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What do you say when they ask why you are changing jobs?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: There is one question that I dread in a job interview "Why did you leave your last job?" I never know how to respond.

Speechless

Leave it to the French to come up with a novel way to deal with the smell from piles of garbage rotting in the hot sun. In Marseille, they sprayed the streets with lemon grass perfume to cover up the garbage stench.

Sometimes it's important to spray a little perfume on the facts that caused you to leave your last job; the less said about bad bosses, broken promises and being taken advantage of, the better. I've listed below things that you can say about why you changed jobs that shouldn't send up any red flags. In fact, it might even help your cause. For more job interview strategies, check out "95 Mistakes Job Seekers Make" by Richard Few (Impact, 2003).

1. "I'm looking for a position with more opportunities for advancement." Showing a little drive seldom hurts in a job interview. Just be careful that you show them that you don't believe that advancement is an entitlement, but rather something you're willing to work hard to achieve. There will always be companies that are threatened or turned off by this. But ask yourself; is a corporation with few or no opportunities for you to advance the kind of place that you really want to work?

2. "I'm looking for better pay." There is a saying in the law that you shouldn't ever ask a question in court that you don't already know the answer to. It's no different in a job interview; be sure that they can afford you before you ask them to show you the money. If the job announcement doesn't list a pay range, try calling HR to see if you can get someone to tell you the pay range for the position you're applying for. That said, looking for a better compensation is a perfectly legitimate reason to leave your last job.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

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3. "I'm looking for more challenging job assignments." This is a nice way of saying that you weren't exactly challenged at your last job. Whenever possible, you want to turn the problems with your last job into a positive statement about what you are looking for in your next one.

4. "I'm looking for an organization that supports its people." Chances are good that they'll ask for an example. So be sure to have a response planned, for example, "All of the incentives were individually based, I think that it's more important to reward the entire team for its contributions."

5. "My career goals have changed." If you are going into a new industry or occupation this is a great thing to say. However, companies want people who can step into a job immediately, so be prepared to show how your experiences in past jobs have prepared you to do the job you're interviewing for.

Follow these tips and you won't stink up the place in your next job interview.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: What do you say when you're asked why you left your last job?

—Tell them whatever it takes to get the job, 22.4 percent

—Tell the truth, 32.7 percent

—Tell them mostly the truth, 44.8 percent

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Half a life

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

DID you know that bread causes stress? Believe it or not, yes—if all you do is worry about how to make it! By bread, of course, I mean money, which is what most of us think is the biggest reason for working anyway. It also means food, which is why people think they have to make loads of money—especially if the breadwinner has many mouths to feed. See, even the word "breadwinner" means "a person whose work supports the family." You can't really divorce money from bread because bread is food and you need food to stay alive.

But food only sustains the body and we are more than just a body—we also have a soul. This is why no matter how hard you work, if you're just working for the body, your bread only gives you stress, and once you're stressed out you're just walking around half-dead. In order to be fully alive, you've got to feed both body and soul. It's the complete food man needs: half of it you put in your mouth, the other half comes out of His.

When you worry only about what to put in your mouth, stress sets in because you leave out that which relaxes—every word that comes from the mouth of God. Yes, it relaxes because it assures you of His providence, His faithfulness, His love, His mercy, His justice, His presence, His goodness. Working so hard to stay alive but ignoring His word could backfire—not because God doesn't like being ignored but because in doing that you disrespect yourself. In feeding only half of you, you are saying that you are only an animal. Where's the self-respect there? (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel: Mt 4: 1-11

He said in reply, "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'"

Migrant workers

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

A BISHOP of a remote diocese shared this encounter with a girl who wanted to work in Japan against all odds. She would not listen to her relatives and even the bishop himself who advised her to stay. She, like thousands of other Filipinos, feels driven to go abroad to work and earn "more bread." I wonder how the words of Jesus saying, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" would sound in her heart and in those of our overseas Filipino workers (OFWs)?

As we celebrate Filipino Migrants Sunday today, we are not suggesting that they stop working for "more bread" abroad and come back home to stay nor are we judging unfavorably their motivations in working overseas. In fact, Migrants Sunday is set by the Catholic Church to promote awareness in our society on the plight of our OFWs and to provide them also with the "word that comes forth from the mouth of God" through the various pastoral care programs the Church offers them. Working for "more bread" both here or abroad could sometimes weaken our sense for the "word of God" and make us hunger more for material food than that food, which God Himself provides that we might have "life in abundance."

Some Filipino migrant workers, in the midst of difficulties, distinguish themselves for courageously witnessing their faith in God. We congratulate those who are enthusiastic and steadfast in their faith, and pray for all the OFWs that in working for "more bread" abroad they will also show to others that God is a loving and provident Father for us all. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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Anne with scene-stealing pet Buddy

Anne Curtis
So Much More Than Just A Sweetheart

She's gorgeous, gregarious, and the guys are going gaga over her. But this lovely young actress isn't afraid of taking risks, in life as well as in her choice of roles

By Alya B. Honasan
Photograph by Raymund Isaac

SHE WALKS into the pictorial at Raymund Isaac's studio and surveys the waiting assembly of writers and stylists with a wide smile. Those trademark Angelina Jolie lips, which she says she feels uncomfortable with ("But WHY?!!!" we can hear the chorus of Filipino men), are like sensuous pink petals set against a pale, un-made-up little girl's face, her brown eyes fringed with thick lashes that are often drenched in tears nowadays from all the sobbing she has to do on primetime TV. As Stephanie on ABS-CBN's star-studded daily soap opera "*Hiram*," Anne Ojales Curtis-Smith, better known as the young star turned va-va-voom actress and babe of the moment Anne Curtis, plays Dina Bonnevie's daughter, a spurned girl with a broken heart who's unafraid to let all her angst hang out.

That's probably the best thing about Anne. She's sweet alright, all little girl whines and pouts that only the hardest of hearts could resist. She even carries around her four-month-old Maltese puppy, Buddy, in a pink dog bag, and he's dressed in a denim vest that just screams HUG ME! Yet, she obviously doesn't want to be just cute. There's none of the excessive "*opo*" and "*hindi po*" that young stars like to launch into to prove just how wholesome they are. "My image is not squeaky clean," Anne admits. "I've lived my teenage life. I've made mistakes, but I don't regret them. That's part of life, *di ba?*"

Mistakes and maturity

The mistakes may have been part of her having been labeled "*rebelde* or playgirl," as Anne herself says, or her very public social and romantic life, which she has never tried to hide. She admits she's still good friends with

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Makeup by Cathy Cantada
Hairstyle by Drea Zulueta of Plandre Salon, assisted by Rona Salomon
White tube dress by Zimmerman, available at Rustan's Makati

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Anne

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her exes, Oyo Boy Sotto and Richard Gutierrez—"Why do you have to lie if you're going to be seen together anyway?" she reasons—and gladly talks about current boyfriend Paolo Araneta, "my first non-showbiz boyfriend" of five months. "It's great because reporters aren't always writing about us. When I'm with his friends I can feel really normal, because they don't know who I am."

Maybe it comes with the maturity. Anne turns 20 on February 17, and admits with a laugh that she feels "kinda bad, because I'm not a teenager anymore. There will be more responsibilities now, my father will make sure of that, and no more getting away with so many things. But I'm not yet really a woman till I reach 21," she bargains. Even the party is scaled down, "not anything big till the wee hours of the morning, because I'd like to have more rest. Maybe a quiet dinner with my family."

If there's anything she's not getting enough of nowadays, it's rest, although she is quick to say she doesn't mind it at all "because I enjoy *naman* my job. You have to, to be able to cope with these hours!" Taping for "*Hiram*" is three times a week, and 24-hour stretches of work are not uncommon. "After that, you cannot talk to me, I have to go straight home and sleep the whole day if I don't have other work."

That's 24 hours of emotional roller coasters, as the rebellious Stephanie is crying in almost every scene. In one recent episode, she gets hit by a car while running from a fashion show where she modeled a wedding gown. You can't say the girl doesn't work hard; in a recent guest appearance in "*Maala-Ala Mo Kaya*," she gets physically thrown around by her husband, and actually falls off a balcony. "Yes, I do a lot of drama, but I like comedy, because when I started out, most of my shows were sitcoms. I would love to get into sitcoms again, just to develop the versatility." Anne finds drama more challenging, as "it's so hard to cry, although it's easy when it's 5 in the morning, and you just want to say, 'Let's get this over and done with!' But it's also hard trying to make people laugh, as not everyone has a sense of humor."

So does Stephanie's tears come from the character's pain, or from Anne's personal experience? "Both ways. Sometimes when you internalize and think, 'I'm Stephanie and nobody really loves me anymore,' it works. But sometimes it doesn't, and that's when I use personal experience. But as much as possible I try to focus on the script, because after a crying scene where you're using your own experience, you're still crying even after cut!" She wants viewers to feel what Stephanie is feeling, whether she's happy or being an all-out bitch. "I'm the *kontrabida* in '*Hiram*,' and I'm not afraid to be, even if fans get mad at me when I'm not nice to my co-stars. I want them to be *inis* (annoyed) with me. That's what acting is all about!" Anne also strives to be professional. "I try to come on time, as you can't be late when you're working with actresses like *Tita* Dina. And we have to know our lines. There's no take two for a big crying scene."

Pretty young thing: At 13 in her debut movie "Magic Kingdom"

Nadia wannabe

Anne has been acting since she was a child, or so her parents, Australian lawyer James Curtis-Smith and Filipina Carmencita Ojales, tell her. Born and raised in Yarrawonga, three hours from Melbourne, Australia, she counts several half-siblings, but is the eldest of three children of her parents; her sister is 10, her brother 8. As a child, Anne was crazy about Olympic gymnast Nadia Comaneci, and would do cartwheels in her bathing suit. She was 13 and here on vacation with her parents to look for a good high school when she was spotted by a talent scout in Jollibee. She did a number of commercials before being cast as the princess in the fantasy picture "Magic Kingdom." Several TV shows and endorsements followed, including those for the youthful clothing line Petit Monde and Ginebra San Miguel, until she finally came into her own in "*Hiram*."

She was in her senior year in high school when she temporarily gave up trying to get a proper education. "I'm definitely going back to school in the future. My dad used to get on my case about that, and I would try and enroll, but he was just wasting his money," she says candidly. "I would go to school and I would be too tired and dozing off while listening to the teacher."

Before she got into "the business," as Anne says with mock flourish, she wanted to become a lawyer like her father. "My dad always told me I'd have to do a lot of reading, but I don't mind because I love to read." Anne is currently taking a break from her Judith McNaught romance novels, finishing Mitch Albom's "Tuesdays With Morrie" and Paolo Coelho's "The Alchemist" as a respite.

It only sank in that she was a working actress, however, when she was 16 and finally bought a car with her own earnings. "Nothing snazzy—a StarEx! Such a family car!" She is a family girl, Anne admits. "Yes, I love my family. And I think I'll be a daddy's girl all my life." Even then, her father lets her make her own decisions, so Anne manages her own money and has invested in her own place, which she hopes to move into when construction is finished. "I used to shop a lot more, but now that's where all my earnings go." It's her way of preparing for a future when she may not be so hot anymore, "and it will be some teenager in the limelight," she says with a laugh. Family is on the agenda, as she loves kids. "I want to be a young mom, too. Maybe at 26?"

As for being the new It Girl, Anne doesn't mind being a fantasy object, "as long as people's perceptions don't change and they don't think I'm bad in real life." She's clear about what she likes in her man, though—"Someone with a brain! I won't be stupid and say it's all personality. Let's be honest, the first thing we notice are the looks. I like good-looking guys, and I like nice noses! But if he's got looks, a personality, and can carry a conversation, then a guy can really sweep me off my feet!" Wouldn't they all wish they could. Q

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"A ROUGH RIDE"

Kudos to Annie Rago for her article ("Their Canadian Dream—Or Nightmare," SIM, 12 December 2004) about the plight of Filipino immigrants trying and hoping for a better future in Canada. I have been in Canada for three years now and I am still wondering why I left Manila. To my *kababayans* who are planning to migrate, please be prepared for a rough ride.

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THE OTHER SIDE OF INDIA

I'd like to comment on the article "The Face of Democracy" (January 30, 2005). When the US ambassador is interviewed, there is the understanding that he represents a country that is the only superpower on the planet with all its real world implications. But with the Indian ambassador, it becomes a little blurry. We appreciate that Ambassador Nevrekha Sharma has put her country's best foot forward and is rightly proud of India's democratic traditions. She has however failed to mention (or the questions just weren't asked) the other side of India: though straining with a huge poverty-stricken, ethnically divided population, it is a nuclear-capable country ready to lob its nuclear missiles into Pakistan and China, thus capable of projecting its influence outside of the Indian Ocean. And despite a coming of age status in a globalizing economy, it is possessed with a military and political elite that aims to make India a true superpower. Either way, the country has virtually abandoned its Gandhian principles in conducting its foreign policy. These are perspectives that should be taken into consideration when reading about India and the Indians of the 21st century.

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GREAT ADVICE

Just wanted to give Joe D' Mango two thumbs up for giving great advice to his readers. More power to all of you!

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Poetry

Paru-Parong Nadaanan Lang

Naglalakad lamang ako
nang makita ko siya—
paru-paro sa sementong daanan,
dangkal lang ang layo sa halaman at lupa.
Maruming dilaw ang pakpak niya.
Maganda, sabi ko,
kung 'di man kakaiba.
Pulutin ko kaya?
Mukhang patay na.
Kung hindi, kawawa naman kung maapakan
ng ibang taong walang pakialam.
Minsan kong sipai'y kumibot.
Buhay pa pala.
Sinipa ko pa't bumaliktad.
Isa pang sipa'y nahiga na siya sa damo.
Ngayo'y ligtas na siya sa sapatos ng iba
dahil mukha na lamang siyang dahong nakakalat.

Paolo Ven B. Paculan

Kaba ng Abaca

Dumaong ka sa Albay
nang taimtim ang balay,
dala'y benditang bayal.

Pantarus naming isip
ay nagbuhol na pisi
ng pananalig: Ipis

sa galyong pinagtali
sa leeg naming tila
pugot na sa paglait.

Hinasa nitong kaba
ang tabak ko, Kabaka.
Lagot na ang abaca.

Jose Jason L.
Chancoco

Nigel Harris and Susan MacDonald

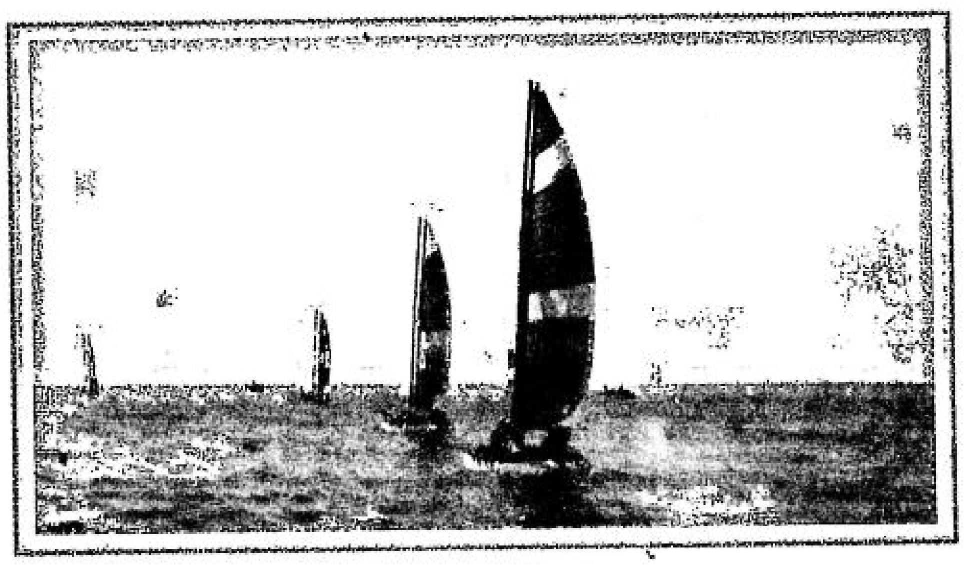
Sand, Sail, and Sea, All the Way to Infinity

Wind, sea, and a glorious blue sky set the backdrop for the sixty adventurous individuals who put their guts, skills, and patience to the test, for a race that goes around the country's most scenic islands.

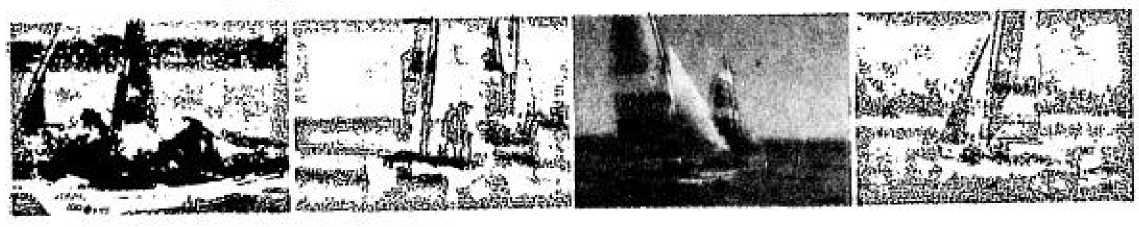
Thirty teams from here and around the globe went aboard twin-hulled boats, called catamarans, to complete a 215 nautical mile course that changes each year. Known as the country's premiere extreme sailing event, the Philippine Hobie Challenge brings sailors face to face with nature's elements, in a world-class sailing event that helps promote sports tourism in the country. For a record-breaking 6th year, the Challenge finds key support from SMART Infinity, the brand that understands our search for life's best.

At the unspoiled waters of Malapascua Island, located at the northern tip of Cebu, the fleet began their journey. Going from one destination to the next, they sailed the entire race in five legs, reaching as far as the Camotes Sea, the Southern Leyte coast, the south east of Bohol, and Mindanao. For one week, they traveled from island to island on the Hobie 16, the world's most popular catamaran design. Sleek and playful, the Hobie cuts through the water's surface, making communication between helmsman and crew not only essential but crucial to point. By harnessing the power of the wind and being sensitive to the movement of the ocean's currents, as well as the coming and going of the clouds above, man guides this colorful vessel as it glides over the glistening water.

Back in Bohol, the fleet crosses the finish line situated near Panglao Island, putting to a close an unforgettable five-day journey that will have others coming back to join next year's Challenge. It was a week filled with obstacles met and conquered, with every boat starting and ending the race. Welcomed with a bountiful dinner banquet, soft beds, air-conditioned rooms, and a hot shower, the sailors cheered on to these simple luxuries almost forgotten. And in the end, even if the trophies did matter, it did not feel as important as the experience itself. To another great year of sailing, SMART Infinity toasts. For the second year in a row, it has been the proud sponsor of the Philippine Hobie Challenge and everything else that makes up life's best.



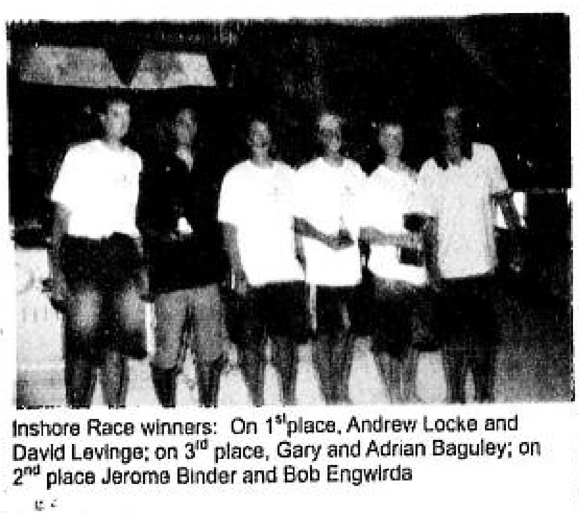
The 6th SMART Infinity Philippine Hobie Challenge



Principal Race Officer Jeremy Rollin with Sports Tourism Director Cynthia Carrion

Roman Azanza takes down his Hobie

Tina Garcia, Raul Bulaong, Ichay Bulaong, and Monchu Garcia at the Awarding Ceremony

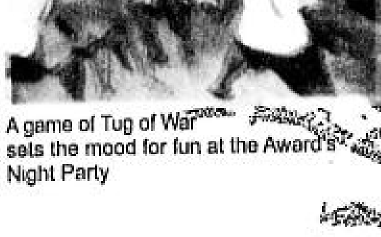


Inshore Race winners: On 1st place, Andrew Locke and David Levinge; on 3rd place, Gary and Adrian Baguley; on 2nd place Jerome Binder and Bob Engwirda

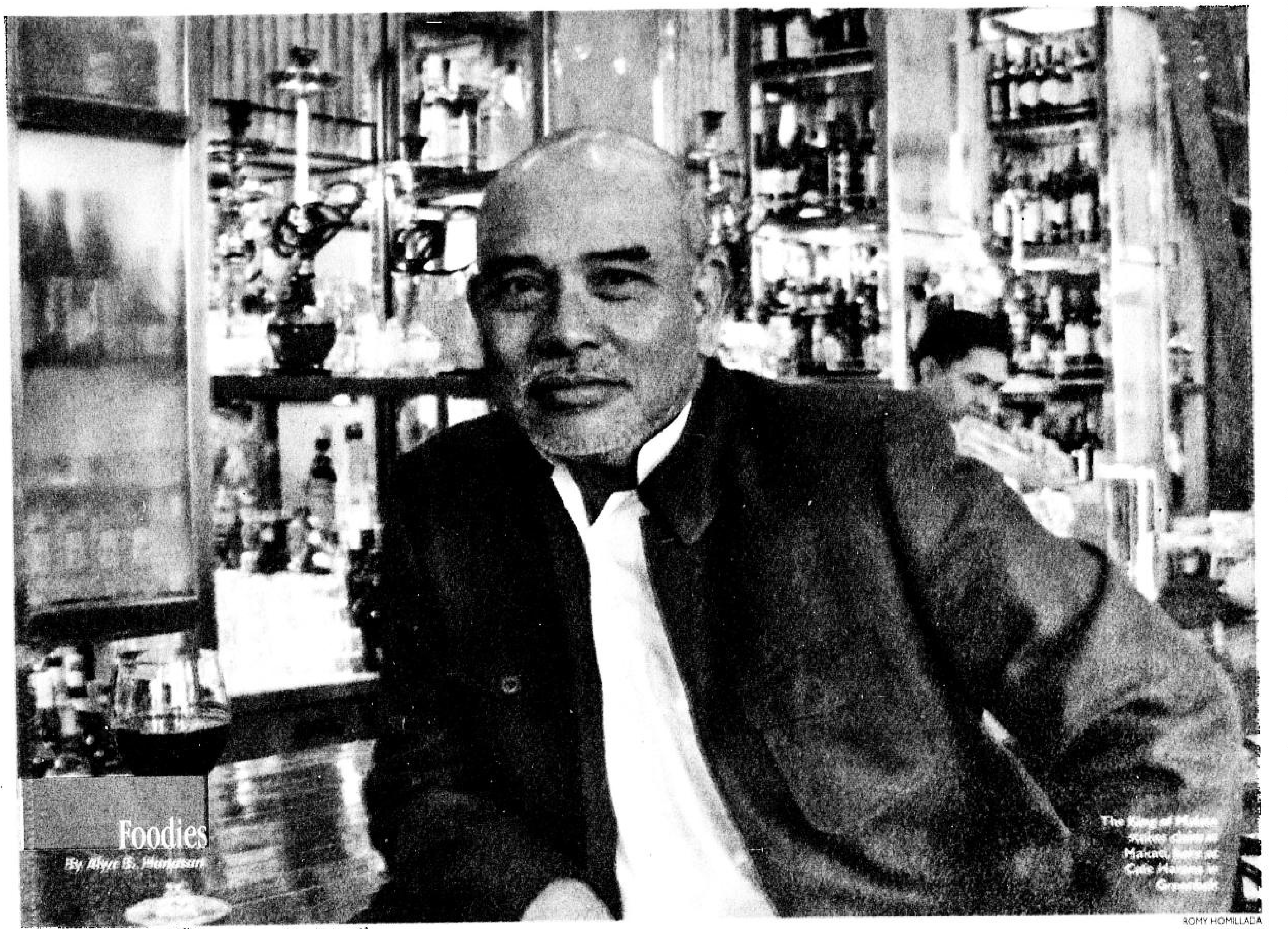
The Challenge Overall Winners with Giselle Sia of SMART Infinity. (L-R) On 3rd place, Andrew Locke and David Levinge; on 1st place, Bob Engwirda andJerome Binder; and on 2nd place, David Harris and Krishan George.

Nestor Soriano (with helmsman Jun Villanueva) places 6th on the overall standing. Making Filipino sailors proud!

The last hobie arrives at the Bohol Beach Club by nightfall



A game of Tug of War sets the mood for fun at the Award's Night Party



The King of Malate [illegible] Makati, [illegible] Cafe [illegible] Greenbelt

ROMY HOMILLADA

Still Romancing the Table

A quarter of a century after opening his first Malate restaurant, the inimitable Larry Cruz is still loving the business—so much, he's opening even more outlets

CONTRARY to what we expected, Larry Cruz, outside of his Malate fiefdom, looks right at home in the hugely successful Greenbelt branch of his bar and restaurant Café Havana, which manages to create an atmosphere of old world elegance in the middle of a Makati mall. Malls, as we all know, don't do much for ambiance, but there are enough bamboo and wood panels, Hemingway references, and black-and-white photographs of Havana, Cuba taken by Cruz himself to create some semblance of the real thing here.

"Yes, I made a mandatory trip to Havana before I opened the bar in Malate, and I was even at a dinner with Fidel Castro," Cruz says, still dapper in an earth-colored jacket and looking every bit like the man of the house. He opened the Makati Havana, today a favorite of high-powered officials for lunch and the partying expat crowd for dinner, three years ago. And although he has not completely fallen out of his Cuban/Latin American phase—the restaurateur, erstwhile journalist and dog lover has just named two Rottweiler puppies Fidel and Che—he has a new love, in a manner of speaking.

"Indian food is my favorite nowadays," he reveals. "For Filipinos, it seems to be the least appreciated fare, but it's actually one of the great cuisines of the world, along with Chinese and Middle Eastern." He was in Delhi and Jaipur a year ago, and will be in Goa and Mumbai next month, partly because of his perennial wanderlust and partly because he is opening yet another first in Greenbelt: an Indian restaurant interestingly named Bollywood. "Bollywood is the epicenter of Indian culture today, and it's huge in Europe. The food will be authentic; I have an Indian consultant and I've sent our own chef to Indian restaurants abroad. We can be flippant because we're appealing to a wide market. There are two or three excellent Indian restaurants in Manila, but they're very traditional and formal. We want to make it lighter."

By his own reckoning, Cruz—LJC to foodies and night life followers everywhere—has been in the restaurant business for a quarter of a century, after working as a journalist and later, Undersecretary of the Press for 12 years. Yet he remains enamored of the food business, so much that he's opening several new outlets this year. "I began with Café Adriatico in 1979 and it's still there, and it has never been drastically changed, although it's been cloned, even by us. We've tried, but we can never duplicate the feel of the original." There will soon be LJC restaurants in Westgate Alabang, Cebu, Gateway in Araneta Center, and even in Boracay. Late last year, he also reopened Ang Hang, long known for its spicy Asian fare.

Reinvention

Cruz acknowledges that it's all about reinvention. "In this business, if you don't run, if you just stay put, you'll find yourself left behind. You have to run just to stay in place, there are too many good players nowadays. The industry has developed tremendously in the last 10 years. Young people who have been abroad come back, making for a very lively food scene in Manila."

How does he know when it's time to reinvent? "When you've passed your peak, when a restaurant is being threatened. I subscribe to the rule that if it ain't broke you don't fix it, but before it's completely broken you do have to make some alterations. Even if you do keep the old concept, you always have to upgrade—your equipment, your menu. You always have to do be doing something. It's when you sit back and relax that you find yourself out back."

But isn't his eternal bastion of Malate begging for some reinvention at this time? "Malate is definitely not dead, but it's seen better days. Malate has reached its lowest ebb, but it's picking up. The new malls have affected it, as well as overpopulation. *Medyo magulo*. We all know there's character, but it can do with a little less character right now," he says with a chuckle. "The flavor will always keep Malate alive, as it has for a long time. I'm expecting an upswing soon, but not in a very big way. To some people, though, we don't want to see it too commercialized anyway. It will always be the real Manila."

Getting the right ambiance is a fine art, Cruz explains. "It's by feel. I'm lucky; in our group, it's a kind of teamwork. But although we use interior designers, it's always mainly me—I just leave the details to them. Putting a resto in a mall takes more effort to create ambiance, while in Malate it's made to order." Happily, his favored clientele is more appreciative of nuances. "Our crowd has always been 25 to 90; we have never catered to the teenage market, maybe because of our own age bracket. It's a conscious effort on our part, as I'm not comfy having a bar that appeals to kids getting drunk. I'm imagining my two boys (aged 17 and 14) coming here and having a pitcher of this and that. And it's not true that the young market doesn't have money, because they do. But I would rather cater to those who earn a living and will be responsible with their drinks."

No candlelight

For Cruz, who once said that a good meal must satisfy all the senses, it's a sad fact that true romance in dining is long gone. "What makes a nice romantic dinner in this day and age? Now, when people go out, a romantic dinner is on the agenda, but it's also more about stepping out and having fun. It's not just a traditional candlelight-and-roses date, that's not cool anymore. I haven't done that for decades!" A Valentine's date today would be "the whole gamut, drinks and even dancing and watching entertainment after. When my teenagers ask my permission to go out, I know it's not a candlelight dinner."

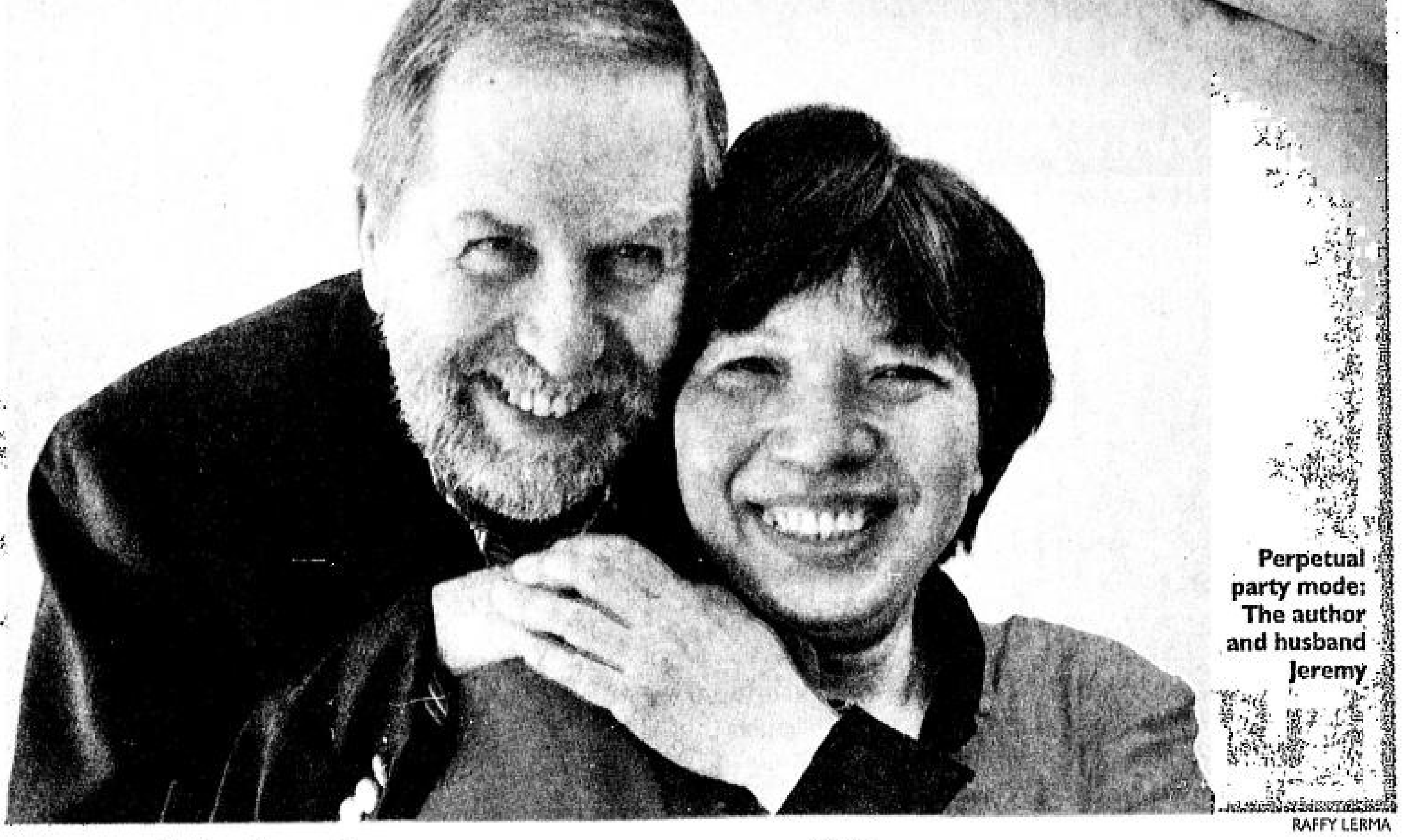
The teenagers, Raphael and Leonardo, are Cruz's children with wife Merle. Most weekends, the couple takes off for their resthouse at the foot of Mt. Arayat, Pampanga. Cruz is also owner of 11 dogs, and is proud to call himself a one-time elephant polo champion when he tried the game for real once in Nepal. It's just one of the many adventures he allows himself, along with exploring restaurants in the most remote and unlikely corners of the globe.

Although Cruz says he has left the day-to-day business of running his restaurants to oldest daughter and Chief Operating Officer Lorna Cruz-Ambas, he is still very much involved in the process of creation. "The creator—that's what I call myself. I still write the menu myself most of the time. That's all I'm good for—copywriting!" He is also "absolutely" involved in the food, of course, as Cruz considers that the primary consideration for every restaurant. "Food has always been it. It cannot be anything else. I have seen beautiful restaurants where the food, the main ingredient, takes a back seat. Food first, and then ambiance and service a close second. When you do have a combination of food, ambiance, service and affordable pricing, you have a winner."

First Person

By Margarita Holmes

Love (and Sex) in the A.M., the P.M., and in Between



Perpetual party mode: The author and husband Jeremy

RAFFY LERMA

“LUST at first sight” was how I described the first meeting between me and my husband in 1979. Now 25 years, nine months and eight days later, there’s still a lot of lust and a lot of loving to boot!

> *One must make a commitment to have good sex no matter how old one is. Not only does it give a special kind of bonding, but it can also be validating, enriching, exciting and exhausting—in a good way*

Notice that I say “lust and love,” because alas, most of us think that the two don’t ordinarily go together in middle and old age. The whole world seems to accept that being horny for your wife during the first years of marriage is expected, but anything after that is heroic.

Take De Bernieres in “Captain Corelli’s Mandolin”:

“Love is a temporary madness. It erupts, then subsides. When it subsides you have to make a decision. You have to work out whether your roots have so entwined together it is inconceivable you should ever part. Because that is what love is.

“Love is not breathlessness… not the promulgation of eternal passion. That is just being ‘in love.’ Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away…Those that truly love have roots that grow toward each other, and when all the pretty blossoms have fallen from their branches, they find that they are one tree and not two.”

Because De Bernieres is a powerful writer, he convinces despite the false dichotomy he presents. To him, you can either be passionately in love—at least until it burns away—OR you can love, with roots that grow into one tree.

Many take his idea to heart because it offers consolation for the majority who find that, after a few years, the relationship either peters out or metamorphoses into a love so deep that sex supposedly becomes almost incidental.

Fact is, we have all been given a bum rap.

Madonna-prostitute

First, there is the madonna-prostitute dichotomy drummed into our heads (and genitals) which divides women into wives whom you respect, and whores with whom you have terrific sex.

Then there is the way that men are genetically programmed. They are visual creatures and alas, any 22-year old with pert breasts and tight buns will look better than a 54-year old Ph.D., her 16 books notwithstanding. Men also seem genetically inclined to desire variety simply for variety’s sake to an extent that women don't.

Then there is the painful reality of two human tendencies oftentimes clashing:

1. The desire to play it safe. So “if a thing ain’t broke, don’t fix it”—especially if it is foreplay that has worked with your spouse throughout the years; and

2. Our need for novelty. So no matter how terrific sex is, if it hasn’t changed year in and year out, it will be boring. And the change has to be real. Changing positions and time for lovemaking may work for the young, but that will not be sufficient novelty to engage the older (and I like to think, more sophisticated) couple. They need a real change that can only be brought about if you feel safe enough to be truly intimate in your relationship—sharing your true feelings, most ambitious dreams, most painful memories.

True intimacy is what makes real passion last through the years. And this notwithstanding the physical effects aging sometimes brings such as medication, colostomies, conditions that require a wheelchair, high blood pressure, diabetes, a bad back, added weight and less flexibility.

It needs the following:

1. A commitment to having good sex no matter how old one is. Sex is still important to us. It gives a special kind of bonding nothing else will. So let us do all we can to make it not only work, but be as validating, enriching, exciting and exhausting (in a good way) as only terrific sex can be.

2. A graceful acceptance that we have to change somewhat if sex is to remain terrific. This is opposite to being determined that we remain exactly as we were 20 years ago. The latter attitude is a recipe for failure as it doesn't take into account the need for adaptation.

3. A realization that accepting reality does not mean letting ourselves go. It means distinguishing between what is inevitable from what is unnecessary. Most women get chubbier when menopause hits, but we don’t have to be blimps. Most men get beer bellies when they age, but they don’t have to look nine months pregnant. What matter most, of course, are the health implications of all these, not just the looks.

4. Accepting is only the first step and suggests endurance if it stops there. Celebrating our changing sexuality as we grow older is what really matters.

The Tao of love

But how to get into this party mode?

By celebrating what our culture has to offer, that has so far shaped the likes of businessman Archie King of the Victoria Court chain, and PDI Systems Info editor Leo Magno.

Archie introduced me to both Mantak Chia, author of “The Multi Orgasmic Man,” and Jolan Chang, author of “The Tao of Love and Sex.” Both Masters Chia and Chang are modern exponents of Taoism, which presents a model of sex that is at once exciting and serene, passionate and compassionate. Taoism is spiritual yet non judgmental, offering a healing vision of sex that represents a deeper cosmic balance. But it is also very practical, giving specific breathing and other physical exercises that lead to longevity in life and in bed.

Practicing the Tao, Jeremy and I once made love 52 times in one wild, wanton but oh so happy week. I admit it. I counted. I also bragged about it to Leo who, with typical grace and humor responded: “Margie, that is more than the GNP of some small countries.”

I asked Jeremy permission to include bits of our life in this piece. Being an introverted Englishman, his concept of privacy is different from mine. He relented only when I explained that using my clients' lives as examples was unethical.

M: Can I say how many times we made love that week in 2000?

J: If you must, but make clear it is single digits now.

M: Can I include that we practice the Tao of Love?

J: Only if you underscore practice. Achieving it, as you know, is a totally different story.

And right he is. But isn’t the joy also in the journey?

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The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia

The Lone Ranger and Tonto are Alive and (Un)Well

The Philippine-American War of 1899 contains numerous antecedents to the US war on Iraq. Substitute "Baghdad" for Manila in US President McKinley's "civilize and Christianize" dictum, and you have history repeating itself

NEW YORK—Last February 4 marked the 106th anniversary of the 1899 Philippine-American War—ignited when, at San Juan del Monte, an American soldier shot and killed a Filipino *revolucionario*, the murderous fire igniting a conflagration and sweeping the archipelago into a war that altered the histories of both countries. Officially the war lasted until 1902, but continued on for almost a decade.

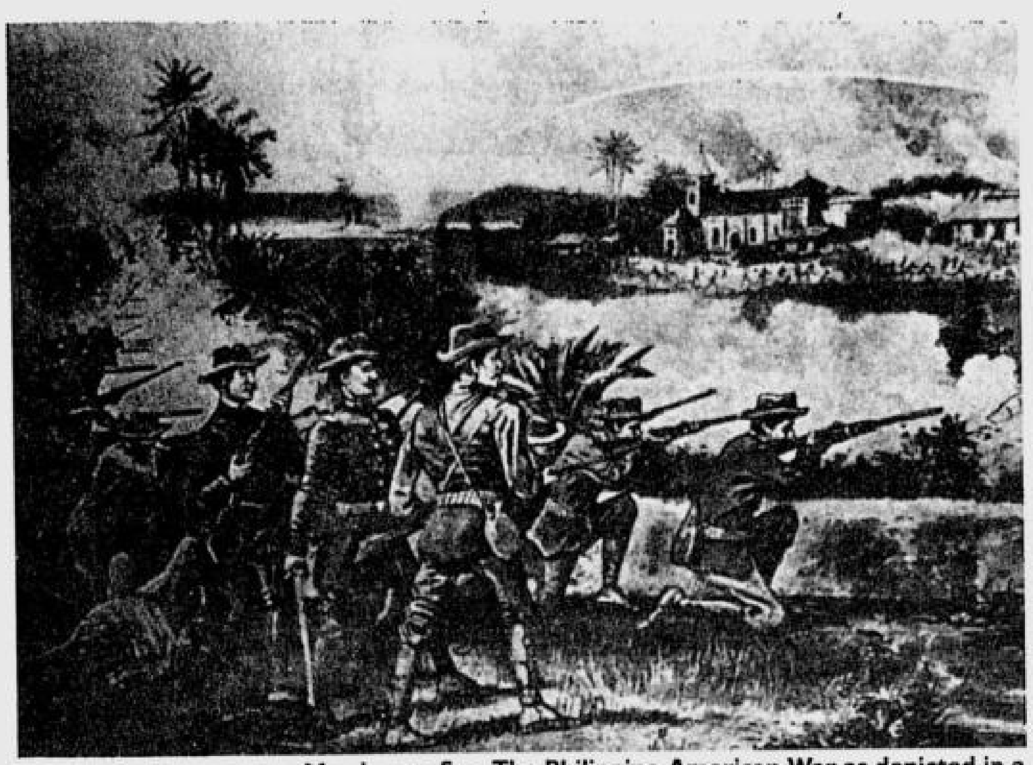
Erupting when it did, the Philippine-American War proved advantageous to the predatory American eagle. Two days after, on February 6, the US Senate voted to annex the Philippine Islands (as it was known then). It was a vindication for President William McKinley, a Republican who, after a night supposedly conversing with God, claimed that America had a divine mandate to "uplift and civilize and Christianize" the recalcitrant "little brown brothers." The rest, as they say, is history.

Too often, however, has that history been forgotten, willfully ignored if not distorted, or portrayed as an aberration of US foreign policy. Discussed perfunctorily in American textbooks, it remains absent from the memory of most Americans and, I daresay, a lot of Filipinos—a bloody, brutal, immoral war that saw at least 250,000 and possibly a million Filipino, mostly civilian, fatalities, while over 4,000 *Amerikanos* lost theirs.

But why bother to think about the Philippine-American War? That was so long ago; surely, in the early 21st century it has lost its relevance. One might think so. Yet, it has never been more relevant than today, since that war contains numerous antecedents to the war on Iraq. It isn't just left-wing progressives who see the connection. Historical-minded American neo-conservatives recognize this as well, none more so than the influential members of Project for a New American Century (PNAC), who have provided the ideological underpinnings for Bush's foreign policy, and thus for the invasion of Iraq.

US imperialism

Formed in 1997, PNAC includes among its signatories Dick Cheney, Jeb Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Elliot Abrams, and Norman Podhoretz. Its "Statement of Principles," posted on its website (www.newamericancentury.org), lays down an unmistakable view of US imperialism as necessary and enlightened. Declaring that "the history of this century should have taught us to embrace the cause of American leadership," the manifesto (for that is what it is) states that "we need to increase defense spending significantly if we are to carry out our global responsibilities" and, most ominously, that "we need to accept responsibility for America's unique role in preserving and *extending* an international order friendly to *our* security, *our* prosperity, and *our* principles." [Emphasis added.] Such aims have been embraced wholeheartedly by the Bush administration. Today, to question the unanimity of American goals with those of the rest of the world is to risk official censure, surveillance, and worse.



Murderous fire: The Philippine-American War as depicted in a print from the Lopez Memorial Museum (reprinted from "The History of the Burgis" by Mariel Francisco and Fe Maria Arriola)

The website also posts a link to an article, "US Counterinsurgency in Iraq: Lessons from the Philippine War," by Tom Donnelly and Vance Serchuk, that appeared in a 2003 issue of the right-wing journal, *National Security Outlook.* The authors point to US success in colonizing the Philippines, in spite of a fierce guerrilla war against American forces, as a template for US strategy in Iraq. Given that the rationale for invading Iraq—that it possessed WMDs, that Hussein had links to Al Qaeda—has crumbled as easily as a sandcastle on a tempest-tossed beach, the Bush administration now argues that its unwarranted invasion was essential to promoting democracy and freedom not just in Iraq but in the Middle East, and not just the Middle East but the whole world. War, then, as a crusade (does anyone still think Bush didn't mean to use this word?) anchored not just to idealism but to fundamentalist Christian religion as well, to create through holy war a worldwide Via Americana. Viewed from this perspective, the fact that Iraq has the second-largest oil reserves on the planet is deemed hardly relevant—or that the US has the world's largest appetite for fossil fuels.

As evidenced by McKinley's heartfelt "civilize and Christianize" dictum, not to mention Benevolent Assimilation policies, ideology and religion undergirded the 1899 War, too. The article quotes McKinley: "I cannot bound my vision by the blood-stained trenches around Manila—where every red drop, whether from the veins of an American soldier or a *misguided* Filipino, is anguish to my heart—but by the broad range of future years, when . . . [Filipinos] shall for ages hence bless the American republic because it emancipated and redeemed their fatherland, and set them in the pathway of the world's best civilization." [Emphasis added.] Substitute "Baghdad" for "Manila" and "Iraqis" for "Filipinos" and you will appreciate how history repeats itself.

The article makes the parallel even clearer: McKinley's "stated goal was, by the standards of the time, not much less ambitious than George W. Bush's commitment to establish a beachhead of freedom in the heart of a hostile Middle East."

"Freedom" is the key word, and here redolent of irony: That the Philippines wished only to set its own course was ignored, the presumption being that brown folks could not, untutored in American ways, govern themselves. Using the cover of racial and moral superiority, at heart, the US interfered because it could, because it wanted to be a major player in the Great Game of Empire. Aside from its oversimplifications, the article's rationale, as with PNAC's, is completely uncritical of righteous imperialist-think, camouflaged under the clichéd mantle of affording Filipinos—and now Iraqis—democratic freedom. Anyone who thinks the Republic of the Philippines is a vibrant showcase of democracy (as it was touted during the Cold War), rather than a semifeudalistic, elite-run government mired in corruption, selling off the country's natural resources, and oblivious to the needs of its rapidly expanding population, needs a reality check badly.

Fanfare

Much fanfare will be made about the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq (though no timetable has been set), to indicate that occupation was never the intent. All very clever and effective. For you don't have to physically occupy a country—or at least not have too many of your troops on the ground—to dominate its government. You just have to occupy the minds of the ruling class. And what better example than the Philippine governments that since 1946 have faithfully played Tonto to the US's Lone Ranger? In allowing US troops back into the country, President Macapagal Arroyo has shown herself a worthy successor. If this is the template the neocon's wish on Iraq, then we should all wish the citizens of that benighted, war-ravaged country the very best of luck. Q

LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

Scared to Fall in Love Again

Just like Mike, Jarla left me and I wound up hurting myself. I don't know how to move on in my life

Dear Joe,

I met a guy who was so nice, sweet and loving. Let's just call him Mike. We started off as friends because I left someone here in the Philippines, Miguel. But Mike and I started to talk more often. He would even call me long distance while I was in Guam.

One day, while we were chatting, he asked me to be his girl. And with no hesitation, I said yes. It was the 17th, and I remember that when I was in high school, I told my teacher that whoever proposes to me on the 17th will be mine forever.

Joe, it was destiny. I just felt that Mike and I were going to be together forever. He introduced me to his parents, who are both Chinese. And they treated me like a real member of the family. His mother even bought me a gift from New Jersey even if she hasn't met me yet.

Joe, Mike left for New Jersey to finish his studies and I had no second thoughts about allowing him to go. I wanted him to pursue his dreams even if it means we're going to be apart. On the last day of Mike's stay in the Philippines, he went to Batangas with his friends. I called to check if he was doing okay because he wasn't answering any of my calls. And then that night, he screamed at me and told me that I was getting on his nerves.

I really didn't know what happened, Joe. The next day, he left for New Jersey. We started to fight. We would chat and he'd tell me that sooner or later, he'd leave me because he would have to stay there for good. And that there's no point being together because we're apart. I couldn't stop crying, Joe, because I really love him. I failed most of my subjects because of him. I started to do a lot of stupid things, like take a lot of sleeping pills.

He came back and a week after, I heard that he had a new girl. Joe, it just killed me. I took an overdose of pills. Mike was my first, and you know what I mean by that. What really hurts was when he told people bad things about me that were not true. Everyone was shocked when we broke up. They thought we were going to be together forever. We looked like a perfect couple. I really love him, Joe. But then again, I guess my love just wasn't enough.

I moved on and met Jarla, a guy whom I thought would replace Mike in my life. But just like Mike, he too left me.

And here I am again, just out of the hospital after hurting myself. I still remember Mike and still have feelings for him. Jarla made me forget about that. But he too hurt me. And now I'm scared of falling in love again, Joe. It's hard facing your problems when you're all alone. My cousin who looks after me has cancer and I'm the only girl in the family. Now my parents are in the States.

Joe, please tell me what to do. I asked God for a sign, and He gave it to me. I really don't understand, Joe. I cry every night and my friends tell me that my eyes show the sadness I feel. I don't know how I can move on in my life. Please tell me what to do.

Sincerely yours,
Beverly

Dear Beverly,

I know how much it hurts when the people we love decide to get us out of their lives. It is so painful sometimes that we just want to die. But no matter how battered our feelings and dignity have been, that still wouldn't justify any act of self-inflicted pain or worse, suicide. Beverly, most people realize that before others can learn to love them, they have to love themselves first. But there are some who realize this too late. People end their life just because someone they sincerely love has purposely hurt them. That doesn't prove anything. It might not even make a difference to those who don't care about us. We just become helpless victims of our own crime. Beverly, you have cried enough. Don't waste your tears anymore. The people you are shedding them for don't deserve it. Be strong and don't allow failure to take away your hope of finding happiness in your life. There is a reason that God allows these things to happen. They may be painful, but they are all meant to make us stronger and better persons. There is life even after several failed relationships. There is hope even if all our efforts in finding the right person have failed. Be strong in your faith. Good things come to those who believe and those who strive to be happy in spite of the pain they keep in their hearts. Q

This Week

Art

Afterthoughts, a photo exhibit by Jason Tablante at the Crucible Gallery in SM Megamall from Feb. 15 to 27.

Solo-Oh, an exhibit of acrylics, watercolor and pen-and-ink images by Malu T. Gueco at Likha Diwa Sa Gulod, 1 Lt. J. Francisco St., Krus na Ligas, QC until Feb. 23.

Watercolor Vignettes, Jose Coriola's collection of Philippine and China scenes as seen by a Chinoy, until Feb. 24 at Gallery Genesis, 4/F, SM Megamall A. For details, call 633-8137 to 38.

The **19th Sci-Art Competition** is holding an exhibit of 500 artwork entries of promising science and art enthusiasts in Grades V to VII from various regions in the country at the Philippine Science Centrum, Building D, Marikina Riverbanks Center until Feb. 15.

"Señora," **photographed by Jason Tablante, on exhibit at the Crucible Gallery**

Discover Japan Through Contemporary Posters, a touring exhibition of 75 poster works of modern, cutting-edge Japanese graphic designers, until Feb. 26 at the 4/L of Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Figures by Lao Lianben, a complete series of figurative works rendered in acrylic, modeling paste, and some with paper collage elements, until Feb. 27 at the UP Vargas Museum Lobby.

In Your Face, a photo exhibit by nine members of the Zone V Camera Club focusing on everyday objects to achieve images bordering on the abstract, runs until Feb. 27 at the Katha Gallery (former Streetlife), 4/L, Glorietta Activity Center, Makati.

E, an exhibit of new paintings by Juan Alcazaren at Mag:net Gallery Paseo, Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeno Street, Makati City until Feb. 28. For details, call 817-7895.

FA 11.Z, an exhibit of paintings and mixed media works by freshman students of the UP College of Fine Arts, until Feb. 23 at Renaissance Gallery, 4/L SM Megamall A, Mandaluyong City. For details, call 637-3101.

"Neurotic Zen Master" by Lao Lianben, on exhibit at the UP Vargas Museum

Tanaw Mindanao, a display of about a hundred photographs depicting the cultural diversity of Mindanao, is a collaboration of the Supreme Court and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in celebration of National Arts Month until Feb. 28 at the new building lobby of the Supreme Court of the Philippines in Manila.

War and Remembrance, a photo exhibit featuring 20 photographs from the collections of the United States Army File, Japanese Army File, Japanese Propaganda Corps, International News Photo, Ricardo T. Jose Collection and the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation Collection, until Feb. 19 at the Alcove Photo Gallery of the Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Ayala Triangle, Makati City. For details, call 759-3371.

Music

Seasoned *kundiman* singers Noemie de Borja, Betty Rivera and Celing Alejandrino with guitarist Eddie Suarez join young classical artists soprano Thea Perez and tenor Ronan Ferrer in an hour of immortal love songs in **Concert at the Park** this Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium. Admission is free.

To mark Belgium's 175 years of independence, The Royal Belgian Embassy will host a chamber music recital by noted **Belgian musicians** Tom Deneckere (piano) and Johan Moeyersoons (oboe). They will treat the Philippine audience on an intimate journey through European chamber music of the 19th and 20th centuries, including work by Schumann, Poulenc, Dutilleux, Ravel, Kalliwoda, Brahms, and their Belgian contemporaries Benoit, Ryelandt and Van Ingelgem. To be held on Feb. 14 at 6.30 p.m. at the Francisco Santiago Hall, Equitable PCI Bank Tower I, H.V. Dela Costa Street cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City. For inquiries, call the MCO Foundation 878-4358 to 59.

On Feb. 14, Edsa Shangri-La's Lounge sets the stage for the intimate dinner-concert **Love Letters**, featuring the music of Nyoy Volante and the Mannos and the sweet voice of Karylle. Their repertoire includes movie themes, pop hits, remakes plus originals like Nyoy's "You Are My You,", *"Nasaan?"* and Karylle's *"Pagbigyan ang Puso."* The concert comes with a dinner buffet that starts at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call 633-8888 ext. 2738 and 2739.

Listen to the voices of the country's best university choirs in **Samu't Saring Tinig VII: A Festival of the Best University Choirs** on Feb. 17 and 18, 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater. Tickets available at Ticketworld outlets at National Bookstore, Tower Records and the CCP Box Office. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1604-1605.

Onstage

Dulaang UP is staging Patrick Hamilton's Victorian thriller, **Angel Street/*Lampara*** with a Filipino translation by Jovy M. Peregrino until Feb. 27 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, 2/F, Palma Hall, UP Diliman. The story revolves around Mrs. Manningham's descent into madness due to her husband's attempt to convince her that she is losing her grip on reality. For details, call 926-1349 and 920-5301 loc. 6441.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation celebrates National Arts Month with its twin bill offerings of short stories made into plays—Nick Joaquin's **May Day Eve** and Dr. Alejandro Roces' **Kiko's Super Cock**—to be shown on Feb. 13 (9 a.m., 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.) and Feb. 27 (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) at the AFP Theater. For details, call 528-0603 and 536-5860.

Tanghalang Ateneo is staging **3PO**, Yan Yrazorza Yuzon's Filipino adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's "The Threepenny Opera." 3PO is a play with songs about MacHeath, a criminal who was convicted and sentenced to death, but on the day of his execution, was pardoned and elevated to high political office. Performances on Feb. 16 to 19 with 2 p.m. show on Saturday at the Rizal Mini-Theater, Ateneo de Manila University. For tickets, call 426-6001 loc. 5052.

Myra Beltran Dance Forum and Airdance collaborate to present **Spaces of Violence**, a contemporary dance show to be held on Feb. 18, 19, and 20 at the Dance Forum Space at 38 West Ave., Quezon City. Among the pieces to be premiered is Beltran's "Grow Me Into Shards," a meditation on the paradoxes of relationships choreographed to Ernest Bloch's "Concerto Grosso no. 1." For tickets, call 373-3567.

The Association of Claret Schools in the Philippines will present a musical play, **Gentle Wind: The Basilan Siege** revolving around the Lamitan incident that happened in June 1, 2001. The performers are the students of Claret School of Zamboanga City. It will be presented on Feb. 19, 6 p.m. at the covered court of Claret School of Quezon City. Proceeds of the play will go to the Fr. Rhoel Gallardo Scholarship Foundation. For details, call Sol Alano at 921-6587 loc. 239.

Jamie Wilson and Jenny Jamora star in the New Voice Company production of **The Blue Room**, a play in ten intimate acts. The play sets the circular scenes of love and betrayal in the present day featuring a cast of only two actors playing a succession of characters whose sexual lives enmesh like a daisy chain. It will run at the Republic of Malate from Feb. 25 to March 4, with Friday and Saturday evening shows at 9 p.m., and Saturday matinees at 4 p.m. Tickets available at all Ticketworld outlets (tel. 891-9999), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang), Music Museum, Greenbelt 1, Glorietta 1, Robinson's Dept. Stores (Galleria, Malate and Festival Mall) or call NVC at 896-6695 or 899-0630.

Cinema

pelikula@titusbrandsma features provoking but romantic films such as "In Praise of Love" (2001) by Jean-Luc Godard, Clive Donner's "Stealing Heaven" (1988) and Claire Denis" disturbing "Trouble Every Day" (2001). Bonus short film is "Buog" by Milo. February 19 at 1 p.m. at Titus Brandsma Center (24 Acacia St., Cubao, Quezon City). For details, call 751-1169 (Maxie).

Food

Sample the flavors of the **Solomon Guest House** with its delicious and affordable sandwiches, pastas, main courses and desserts prepared by the Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management students of the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde. Solomon Guest House is located at 1025 C. Ayala Street cor. Arellano Avenue, Manila. For inquiries, call 536-6416.

Nyoy Volante and Karylle in "Love Letters" at the Edsa Shangri-la Hotel

San Mig Pub and Restaurant celebrates the month of romance with fun-filled festivity highlighting the best ribs in town with the **Rib Delicious Festival** featuring grilled combies such as the chicken and ribs, and the shrimp and ribs combies, and the Family Combi Special and the San Mig Feast Platter combies which is good for sharing. All are served with coleslaw or homemade *atchara* and a choice from the bar's fusion sidings. San Mig Pub is at the Alabang Town Center, Muntinlupa City. For inquiries and reservations, call 842-0776 or 807-3595.

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By Jess Abrera

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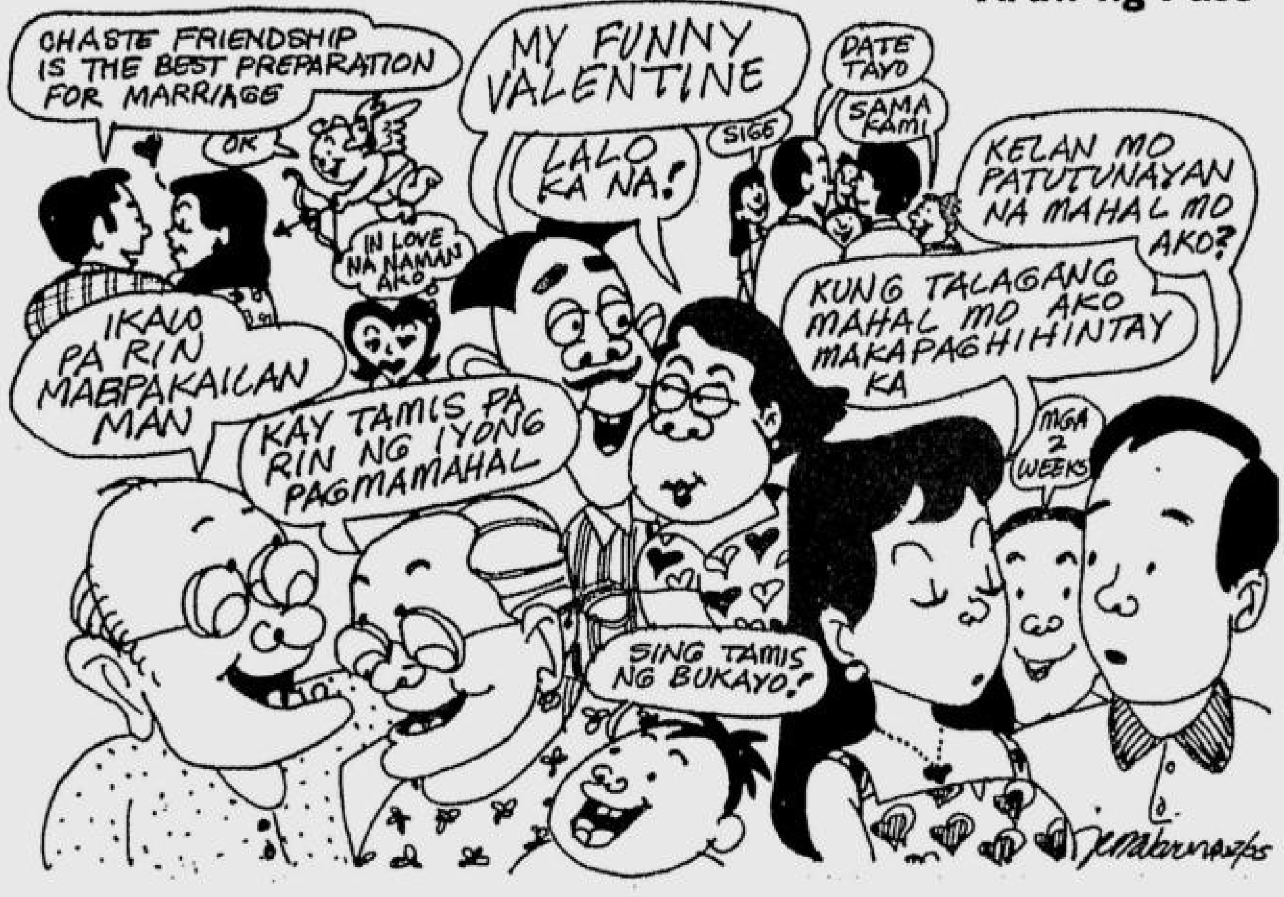
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"Spaces of Violence" by the Myra Beltran Dance Forum and Airdance, at the Dance Forum Space

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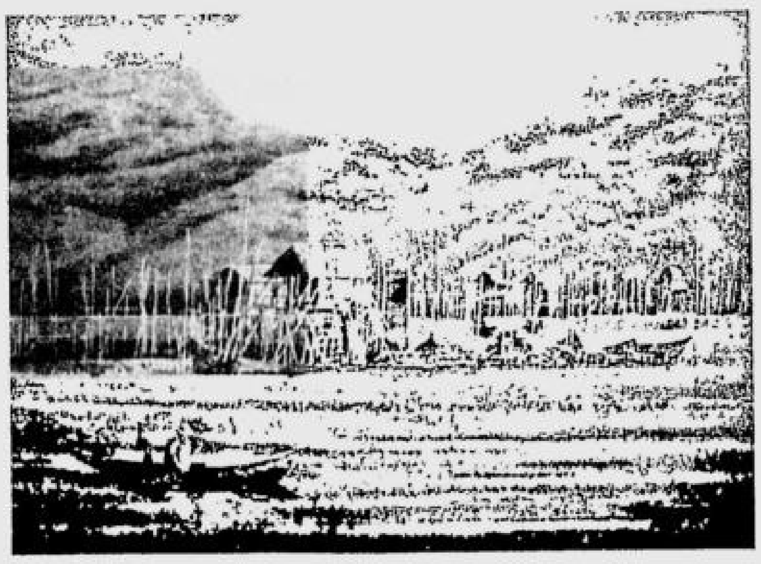
On Feb. 13, **Ayala Center** brings a **back-to-back treat** for kids and the kids-at-heart at Glorietta. Witness the Glorietta Activity Center transform into a whimsical, fun-filled carnival complete with magicians, jugglers and a bubble show at 3 p.m. Then let the sweet sound of love fill the air at 5 p.m. as the Side A Band takes centerstage with sentimental ballads.

MB&G/ProActive will hold a **Basic Food-servers Training** on Feb. 16-22, from 1-5 p.m. at Eastwood CityWalk, Eastwood City, Libis Quezon City. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For inquiries, call 687-1787.

The **Ermita Catholic School** will hold its first **grand alumni homecoming** from Batch 1960 up to Batch 2004 on Feb. 19 at ECS grounds. For details, call Lilia at 524-8134 and Tet at 0917-5295026.

The **18th CCP Independent Film and Video Competition** will be held on Nov. 22-25 instead of February. The CCP is now calling for entries to the film and video tilt. Deadline is July 29. There will be four categories each for film and video, namely, short feature, experimental, documentary and animation. All entries, which may be in 16mm, 35mm film or VHS, VCD, DVD and mini-DVD for video, must be strictly independent works and not produced for commercial screenings. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1704 and 1712.



"Watercolor Vignettes" by Jose Ceriola, at Gallery Genesis

The Center for Environmental Awareness and Education invites all documentary filmmakers to tell their own stories of the beauty and degradation facing the Philippines and its people through the **Moonrise Film Festival** to be held in August. All documentaries focusing on our country's environment and culture made from 1999 onwards are eligible to compete. Entries should not have won in any previous competitions. They can be submitted in VHS, VCD, or DVD format, with a running time of 45 minutes or less. Deadline for submission of entries is on June 15 at 5 p.m. Submit or mail your entries to: The Submissions Curator, The Center for Environmental Awareness and Education, Unit 3A Gilmore Heights, #18 Granada cor. Castilla Sts., Barangay Valencia, Quezon City 1100.

Airdance will hold its **4th Summer Dance Workshop** titled "MTV Live! on Airdance" beginning on April 6 to May 20 with the recital concert on May 21 at the Teatro Aguinaldo. An intensive 6-week dance workshop in jazz, street grooves, breakdance and modern ballet, promises to be an enjoyable, learning, fun-and-dance filled summer. To be held at the 2/F, The Outlet Yard, 1480 Quezon Ave., Quezon City. For details, call 373-3567.

Alitaptap Storytellers of the Philippines, the premier storytelling group in the country whose mission is to promote literacy through the art of storytelling, will have a **Book-Based Storytelling Workshop** on Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the ASP Boni Office, 2C RPM Building, 614 Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong. Workshop fee is P200. For details, call 535-4639.

The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication is organizing and facilitating a **seminar-workshop on Managing Political Campaigns** to be held from Feb. 23 to 25 at the AIJC seminar room. The seminar will teach its participants how to analyze or interpret surveys, how to approach potential donors to your campaign, develop the proper techniques in delivering effective speeches and how to develop a winning campaign message. Louis F. Perron will be the seminar-workshop director and lecturer. For inquiries, call 725-4224 or telefax 725-4228.

In celebration of **St. Louis College Valenzuela's 27th Foundation** Anniversary, it is holding a concert featuring the SouthBorder on Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the SLCV Gymnasium, #5 Maysan Road, Valenzuela City. Proceeds of the concert will go to the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Scholarship Foundation. For inquiries, call 292-3170.

The Metrobank Foundation is inviting Filipino artists and designers to join the **2005 Metrobank Art & Design Excellence National Competition.** It is open to Filipino painters and sculptors, 18 to 35 years old, and licensed architects and interior designers 25 to 40 years old. The painting competition has two categories: oil based medium on canvas and water media on paper on a minimum of 18" x 24" to a maximum of 36" x 48". The sculpture competition is open to the following media: glass, metal, wood, stone, one fired clay rendered in small scale meauring 1' x 1'. Painting and sculpture entries should be submitted in 5R photo print format along with the official entry form either by mail or personal delivery on or before May 7 at the Metrobank Foundation office at the 15/F Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City. In the architecture competition, entries should be a built structure single detached residence in the Philippines, completed and occupied for at least one year. Submission of entries is on Feb. 16 at the UAP office, 53 Scout Rallos St., QC. The interior design competition requires a conceptual work of a two-level Island Resort Clubhouse envisioned as the focal point of community life on a peninsula. Deadline is on Feb. 17 at the PIID office, 8/F Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati. For inquiries, call Aris Valenciano or Jason Tiu Ng at 898-8856 or 750-0837.

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The Tahanan ng Mabuting Pastol Seminary in Tagaytay City will have its **Balik-Tahanan 2005 Alumni Homecoming** on Feb. 15-16. This year, the TMP Alumni Association headed by Rev. Fr. Allan C. Valero will honor the past and present Rectors of the Seminary. Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo will be the guest speaker. For details call Fr. Allan at (046) 471-2806 or Sem. Miguel Concepcion at (046) 413-1329.

A **Psychogenetics retreat weekend** is held regularly at the SVD Retreat House in Tagaytay City (located within the Divine Word Seminary). This retreat will help you learn more about the scientific approach to understanding the influence of parents and ancestors in present adult behavior and relationships. Facilitator is Fr. Ed Fugoso, SVD. The next retreat is scheduled from March 5-6. For inquiries and registration, call Fr. Ed at 0917-5414330 or Thess at (046) 413-0340.

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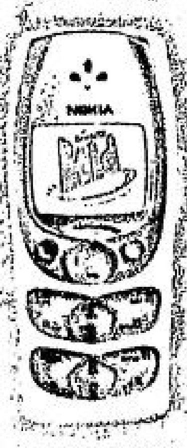
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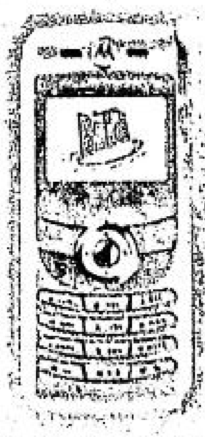
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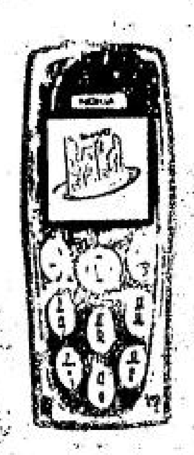
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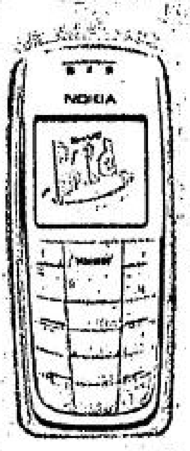
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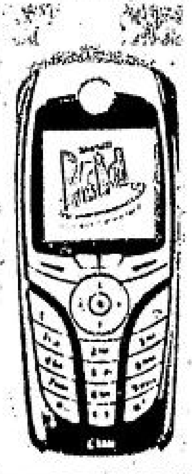
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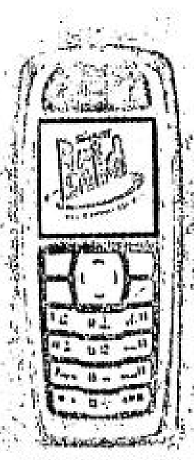
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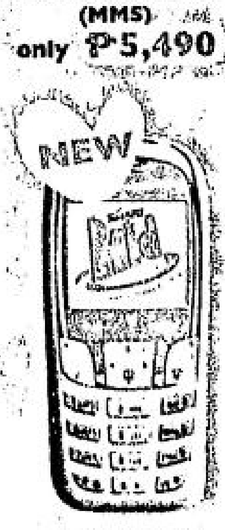

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